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Canada's National History Society honours Hugh Dempsey

The Historical Society of Alberta congratulates Hugh Dempsey, Editor of *Alberta History*, on receiving an honorarium and lifetime membership from Canada's National History Society.

On October 17, 2005 the CNHS launched *For the Love of History*, a book celebrating the winners of The Pierre Berton Award and to pay a centennial tribute to Hugh Dempsey. The launch, hosted by the Honourable Peter Lougheed, was held at the recently restored historic site Lougheed House in Calgary.

Photo courtesy Pauline Dempsey
Hugh Dempsey receives honour from E. James Arnett, Chair of the Board of Directors of Canada's National History Society.

Nominations for HSA 2006 Awards

The Annual General Meeting of The Historical Society of Alberta will be held in May 2006 and the Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the following categories:

Annual Award: which 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.

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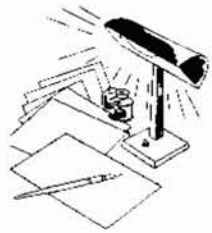
Celebrate our Heritage

Please watch for our Legacy 2006 Campaign insert as well as the 2006 AGM Brochure enclosed with this newsletter

President's Report

by **Ron Williams**



The Centennial Year of our province and our neighbouring province has come to an end. This year has provided the impetus to review our story and to encourage its preservation and publication. It is very important that this impetus not be lost, but continue, as we enter the next century of our collective story. The Centennial has also given an opportunity to compare the stories of Alberta and Saskatchewan; to note the differences and to explain them. Canada is a diverse nation and that diversity is a source of our strength in the world.

The next major event for The Historical Society of Alberta is its centennial in 2007. It is important to note that at the very beginning of our province the leaders were concerned about preserving the history of its peoples. Looking back on their foresight we look ahead to the vistas of the future. I encourage all members to join in this and suggest means of observing the centennial of our society.

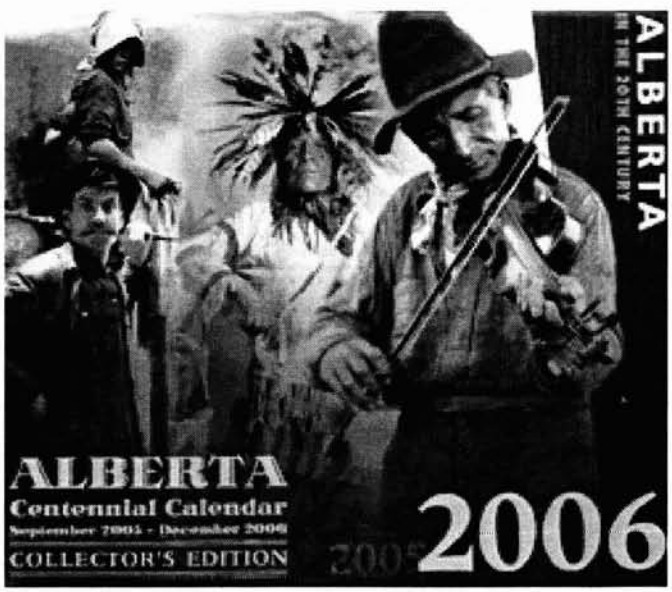
A source of strength for our Society is the continuing patronage of the Lieutenant Governor. His Honour spoke at the Christmas banquet of the Chinook Chapter, which I had the honour of attending. His speech was inspiring as was his very presence. For this support, the Society is grateful.

I also had the opportunity to attend the PATHS Conference in Edmonton October 27-29, 2005. This provided an opportunity to take part in discussions of the latest methods of historical research and presentation.

On a more serious note, it is important that we view past events in their true setting. By doing that, we can better understand the changes that have contributed to the present situation. I am struck by what I consider a danger in historical presentations. I see a danger of projecting our ideals onto people of the past. We have much more knowledge than did those people as we have observed events following which, of course, they did not. What were the feelings of the young soldiers who stood on top of Vimy Ridge? We know that Canada's contributions to the effort of achieving victory in 1918 lead to Canada's becoming a nation in its own right rather than being only a part of the Empire. But did the soldiers on that day think, "Wow, now Canada can sign the peace treaty as a nation?".

Why did 6,000 residents of Canada join the military forces to fight in that struggle? Was it to advance Canadian nationalism or was it for King and Empire?

I wish the best of this festive season and for 2006 to all.



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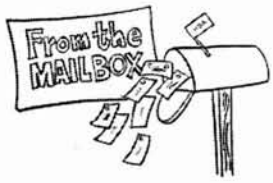
Letter to the Editor



HSA Members News

Calgary, October 27, 2005

Dear Ms. Amsden,

I enjoyed the article written by Dr. Robert Lampard concerning the late Dr. E.P. Scarlett, which appeared in the October 2005 issue.

Mentioned in the article is the late Frances Coulson (please note the spelling) one of the women named who helped him with historical research.

Frances (Mrs. Gordon Coulson) was not an RN but a professional librarian and one of the first to graduate from the Library School at the University of Toronto. Later she worked for the Calgary Public Library and in my opinion was one of the best ever to be employed there.

I am enclosing a rather poor copy of a Herald article about from August 17, 1995. Dr. Scarlett was fortunate in his assistants. Aileen Fish is named as one of them — I knew her as a very intelligent woman.

Dr. Scarlett was most fortunate on being married to Jean who I am sure would have been a great enabler in his life. I knew her as a remarkable woman of great charm and ability who had a strong sense of responsibility for others. Her friends loved her deeply.

Please thank Dr. Lampard for this article,

Yours sincerely, Ruth B. Barker

Centennial Wilds

by **Dianne Pachal**

I'm emailing you to draw your attention to the Centennial Wilds website www.centennialwilds.ab.ca We contacted your society in 2003 during the early stages of the project and thought you would like to see the outcome thus far. Please (a) have a look at this project through this website, (b) encourage your members to have a look at it and (c) consider placing a link for it on your own website. The Centennial Wilds website has a link for your society under the Groups heading in the left side-bar of the homepage.

This is an interdisciplinary project, the goal of which is to work with Alberta's conservation and history communities (First Nations and non-native) and be the catalyst for a public vision linking in situ history and wilderness preservation, resulting in the designation and protection of Alberta's wilderness as a lasting way to experience our history, commemorate Alberta's centennial as a province in 2005, and provide a centennial legacy of natural and cultural heritage for the future.

As for the designation of areas, the project has thus far lead to the Alberta Government considering the establishment of an Andy Russell I'tai sah kòp Wildland Park for the 1,040 square kilometers of the Castle Wilderness in southwest Alberta, located adjacent the north boundary of Waterton Lakes National Park. In addition to individual citizens, Canada's 16th Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Joe Clark; Canada's premier wildlife artist Robert Bateman; award winning songwriters Connie Kaldor, James Keelaghan and Ian Tyson; noted authors Sid Marty and Farley Mowat; internationally respected scientist Dr. David Schindler; and Mike Robinson, President and CEO of the Glenbow Alberta Institute have all written letters of encouragement to Premier Klein.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments.

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HSA Awards

a. meritorious service to the preservation, promotion or development of Alberta's history over a period of 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.

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.

Please forward your nominations in writing before **March 10, 2006**, setting out the nominee's accomplishments with a short biography and the name of at least one other member supporting the nomination to:

Donald Hepburn, Chair,
Nominations and Awards Committee

The Historical Society of Alberta

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HSA Annual Awards

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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
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
2003 William Baergen
2004 Thelma Chalifoux,
2004 Richard H. Shockley
2005 Clarence (Clancy) Patton, Calgary

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

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

The Historical Society of Alberta Annual Awards Program — Nomination Form 2006

Nomination 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 10, 2006**

Awards Categories:
The criteria describing each of the three award categories can be found on pages 1 and 5. Please indicate 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:_____

Name(s) of Nominators:

Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Person (if applicable): _____

Address: _____Postal Code _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

Please return completed form to: **Don Hepburn**, 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: and attach to the nomination form):

- Brief Biography of Nominee
- 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)

Join The HSA Council! Call for Nominations

The Historical Society of Alberta is seeking nominations from interested persons to serve on its council. The following positions are expiring:

Second Vice-President; Third Vice-President; Secretary; and one Director at Large. All positions are two year positions with their terms expiring 2008.

Article 5(a) of our By-Laws states: "..... Any member of the society may submit names and addresses to the (nominating) committee for consideration." Please submit, in writing, your interest in any of these positions along with a c.v. prior to **February 20, 2005** to:

Nominations Committee, The Historical Society of Alberta, P.O. Box 4035, Station C, Calgary, AB T2T 5M9.

If you require further information, please contact the HSA office: Telephone: 403-261-3662; Fax: 403-269-6029 or by email: albertahistory@telus.net

Prairie Bible Institute Receives Grant with Fundraising Assistance from Metasoft

From Bill Barratt, Vancouver BC, November 9, 2005

Metasoft is pleased to announce that its fundraising division, Grant Development Services (GDS), assisted Prairie Bible Institute (PBI) in receiving a $240,000 grant from the Bridgeway Foundation. This grant will be used for the start-up costs of the new Prairie College of Applied Arts and Technology (PCAAT).

The PCAAT will be a second college under the parent umbrella of PBI. Its purpose will be to provide vocational programming in conjunction with a Biblical curriculum that enables graduates to engage in ministries and administer the message of the Gospel around the world. "We are excited about the anticipated launch of the Prairie College of Applied Arts and Technology in the Fall of 2006, and we are thankful for the support we have received from the Bridgeway Foundation," says Dr. Jon Ohlhauser, President of PBI.

"This initial fundraising success demonstrates our ability to understand our clients' needs quickly and to provide the cost-effective and individualized service, resources, guidance and support our clients require to achieve their fundraising goals," says Bill Barratt, Senior Manager of GDS. "We look forward to continuing to assist PBI with their ultimate fundraising goal of $12 million."

About Prairie Bible Institute

Located in Three Hills, Alberta, Prairie Bible Institute is a leading Canadian centre of higher education for Christians. PBI equips students to achieve their life, ministry and career purpose, as well as to fulfill their role within the body of Christ. PBI opened in 1922 with eight students and has since expanded steadily, today reaching out to people in more than 114 countries around the globe with their mission: "to enable the Body of Christ to reach the world with the gospel of Christ."

About Metasoft and GDS

Metasoft and GDS are headquartered in Vancouver, BC, with offices in Halifax, Nova Scotia; St. John's, Newfoundland; and New Delhi, India. Metasoft is the developer of Foundation Search and BigOnline, which together comprise North America's leading source of foundation, corporate, and government funding information. Since its establishment in 1988, Metasoft has helped over 7,000 non-profit and charitable organizations raise almost 1 billion dollars in foundation and corporate funding. As the fundraising consulting division of Metasoft, GDS delivers a full range of proven and effective consulting services to organizations seeking foundation and corporate funding.

Information: contact Bill Barratt, Sr Manager, GDS, Metasoft Systems Inc. Tel: 604.683.6711 e-mail:gds@foundationsearch.com

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BC Historical Foundation Conference 2006

From Naomi Miller advertising ***Rocks, Walks & Talks*** is the theme for the BC Historical Federation Conference 2006 to be held May 4 to 6 in Kimberley.

- ***The Rocks*** stand for the geological specimens gathered during the 100 years that the Sullivan Mine was the main employer.
- ***Walks*** you will take around the Heritage Museum, the Platzl, the Sullivan Power House, the Book Fair and the restored rail cars at the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel.
- ***Talks*** will be by speakers sharing the history of various East Kootenay Communities. All history buffs are cordially invited.

Registration packages will be available in January 2006. You may put your name on a mailing list at igkaun@shaw.ca, or find forms online at www.kimberleyvacations.ca, or phone 1-800-667-0871

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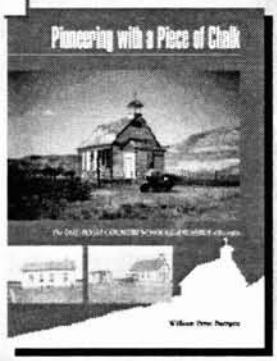

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Alberta's History Comes Alive

News Release December 22, 2005

Alberta's history comes alive with the opening of a 1955 time capsule Provincial Archives can help Albertans preserve valuable documents

Edmonton

A time capsule commemorating Alberta's 50th birthday, sealed in 1955, was opened Thursday at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

Items in the capsule include souvenirs, a film of Alberta's Golden Jubilee celebrations, an Edmonton visitor's guide, and school medallions. The capsule was put together by the Golden Jubilee Committee to be opened in 2005 and its contents showcase how the province's 50th anniversary was celebrated. The collection of documents and memorabilia is now available for viewing at the Provincial Archives.

"Our rich history is what makes us unique as a province and as a people and serves as a reflection of our province's life," said Gary Mar, Minister of Alberta Community Development. "This Golden Jubilee time capsule is just one of the many ways our proud past has been honoured, and it is very fitting that we are opening it during this centennial year."

The Provincial Archives is responsible for safekeeping records that are of historical and cultural significance to Albertans. The preservation management program includes taking all measures to prevent or slow the deterioration of holdings, ensuring long-term accessibility to archival and library materials and information.

"As a new year draws near, Albertans may be thinking about preserving their personal and family legacy," said Leslie Latta-Guthrie, Director of the Provincial Archives. "If our history is to survive, individually or collectively, its preservation must be thought of with care and adequate attention."

As part of its focus on preservation, the Provincial Archives plans and hosts talks and hands-on workshops to encourage preservation of archival material held in private collections, as well as in public institutions. For more information on these sessions, call 780- 427-1750.

As part of this year's centennial celebrations, a mammoth time capsule toured Alberta collecting memorabilia from over 200 communities. This capsule will be stored and opened in 100 years. While details are still being finalized, a permanent home for the Alberta Centennial Time Capsule

From AB Provincial Archives November 23, 2005

... make history explores the importance of records of everyday people

... make history, a joint exhibit hosted by the Provincial Archives of Alberta and the City of Edmonton Archives, explores how important the records of ordinary people are to documenting history. Using photographs, displays, audio recordings, and text, make history demonstrates how these records create a full and rich history of Edmonton and Alberta. The exhibit particularly encourages women, under represented in archival holdings, to save and donate their records.

... make history profiles groups and individuals who have donated records. It also encourages visitors to create, save, and donate the records of their lives by showing how easily it can be done. By following the journey from creation to donation of records as varied as those of the United Garment Workers of America Local 120, the Edmonton Glenora Rotary Club, and a diary of the 1939 royal visit, exhibit visitors can see how they will be able to take that journey too.

... make history is presented by the Provincial Archives of Alberta, the Alberta Women's Archives Association, the City of Edmonton Archives and the Heritage Resource Management Branch of Alberta Community Development.

The exhibit is on now until February 28, 2006, at both the Provincial Archives and City of Edmonton Archives. Each location is presenting separate displays on the same theme. The City of Edmonton Archives is located in the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre at 10440 - 108 Avenue.

For more information, visit www.edmonton.ca/archives or call 780-496-8711.

Brian W. Hutchison

$500 Annual Genealogical Scholarship

All Canadian Residents Eligible

Deadline for applications 31 December 2006

Details from:
Alberta Family Histories Society
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Calgary, AB T2M 0J8

www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship

email: scholarship@afhs.ab.ca

Michener Centre Red Deer

News Release December 20, 2005

Province accepts Health Region's proposal to restore historic building at Michener Centre Red Deer

An historic building gutted by fire two years ago is being given a new lease on life, thanks to a partnership of the provincial government and the David Thompson Health Region.

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation has accepted an $11.3-million proposal from the David Thompson Health Region to historically reconstruct, expand and eventually take ownership of the south administration building at the Michener Centre in Red Deer, consolidating the health region's administrative functions under one roof.

"This exciting partnership will benefit the Michener Centre, the community and the healthcare system," said Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. "The consolidation will help reduce David Thompson Health Region's leasing costs and free up space at the regional hospital for clinical and programming needs."

"The proposed reconstruction and expansion will preserve the historic character of the building and re-establish it as a productive part of the community," said Mary Anne Jablonski, Red Deer-North MLA.

The government will contribute $4.7 million in cash and $3.6 million in insurance proceeds, and will transfer a 13.2-acre parcel of land to accommodate the historical refurbishment and expansion of the former south administration building. The health region will contribute $3 million.

"This project is a win-win for the Alberta Government, the residents of Red Deer and the Health Region. It will be financed through current leasing costs thus reducing future lease costs as well," said DTHR President and CEO John Vogelzang. "We will restore the Michener Centre building to its original grandeur and use the revitalized space to serve the residents of Central Alberta for years to come."

Space in the Red Deer Provincial Building currently occupied by the health region will be returned to the province and allocated to government departments in need of office space.

The south administration building was struck by lightning in June 2003, causing a major fire, with major smoke and water damage. After concluding there were no government programming requirements for the building, government issued a request for proposals for other uses for the building.

The Heritage Canada Foundation

Natalie Bull Appointed The Heritage Canada Foundation's New Executive Director

Ottawa, ONT- November 1, 2005 – The Chair of the Board of Governors of the Heritage Canada Foundation, Michel Grenier, has announced the appointment (effective October 24) of Natalie Bull as the Foundation's new Executive Director. Ms. Bull brings to the Foundation over 15 years of experience in heritage conservation at the municipal and federal levels.

Born in New Brunswick, Ms. Bull completed her studies at the University of Montréal with a master's degree in Applied Sciences in Architectural Conservation. She has worked for Public Works and Government Services Canada since 1992 in progressively senior positions, including Architectural Conservation Advisor, Business Development Manager, Program Manager and Acting Director with the Heritage Conservation Directorate, Real Property Program. Last year, Ms. Bull completed a term as Manager of Certification for the Historic Places Program at Parks Canada.

Natalie Bull also brings strong non-profit-sector leadership experience to her new position. Her active membership in the Association for Preservation Technology International (APT) culminated in her election in 2003 for a two year term as President and Chief Executive Officer.

As an expert in heritage conservation, Ms. Bull has participated in a number of symposia as a panellist, lecturer and technical trainer. She is well known and respected in the conservation field in Canada and has participated in many speaking engagements across North America.

"I am very excited about Natalie Bull joining the organization," said Mr. Grenier. "The Board was very impressed by her passion for heritage, her energy and vision. We, along with members of the staff, are looking forward to working with her."

The Heritage Canada Foundation is a national, non-governmental charitable organization which promotes the preservation of Canada's heritage buildings and historic places through advocacy and education.

For further information: Carolyn Quinn, Director of Communications,
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Harry Goodsir Mackid, MD, FACS 1858-1916

by **Dr. Robert Lampard**

"What is the value of the West to medicine? Does not the answer lie in the words, energy and newness and opportunity. The West is young and lusty, and full of life. It has a love of action, and it has a love of newness. It is unhampered by traditions, whether of conduct or of science. It will do the things that it thinks right, whether in conduct or in science. I really do believe that, in medicine as in the rest of human endeavour, the West is going to supply that leaven of originality which, after all, is "the one thing needful". The West thinks boldly and acts boldly, by necessity first, then by conviction, and ultimately by habit. Give the West a little more time and she will yield a rich harvest of energetic and trained men who will have in them that invaluable dash of western originality..." H.G. Mackid, MD August 10, 1912

Introduction

Dr. H.G. Mackid was the fifth physician and surgeon to come to Calgary and stay. In 1890 he joined Dr. J.D. Lafferty in the C&E railway medical construction contract. Then he assumed the CPR employee medical contract for the mainline from Calgary to Regina. A prime supporter of the first two public hospitals in Calgary (Calgary General, Holy Cross, 1890/91), he was a leader in communicable disease control, the provision of diagnostic services, and the formation of Calgary's first group medical practice.

Recognized as a leader by his peers, he was elected the first President of the CMA from Alberta, in 1911-1912. As President he presided over the second CMA annual convention held in Alberta, in Edmonton in 1912. His 1912 CMA retirement speech described his expectations of those who followed him.

Dr. Mackid was a Charter Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the first from Calgary in 1913. That was the same year the three year medical training program began at the UofA. He died from diabetes in 1916, one year after J.B. Collip arrived at the UofA and six years before Collip would isolate therapeutically effective insulin in Toronto, while on an eighteen month sabbatical from UofA.

Youth to MD 1858

Harry Goodsir Mackid was born on August 19, 1858 in Goderich, Ontario. His background was Scottish and his second name came from his two medical cousins, the Drs. Goodsir. One cousin John Goodsir, was a Professor of Anatomy at Edinburgh, when Dr. James Hector of the Palliser Expedition studied medicine. Dr. Hector named the 3562 meter (11,500') twin peaked mountain twenty kilometers north of Marble Canyon on the Ottertail Fault, after "The Goodsirs" in 1858. Richard Virchow, the Father of Cellular Pathology, dedicated his seminal book on Cellular Pathology to John Goodsir.

Practice in Ontario 1879-1889

"H.G." became Dr. H.G. Mackid, after graduating in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1879. Mackid graduated one year after Dr. G.A. Kennedy. Following a post-graduate trip to Vienna in 1880, he set up practice in Lucknow, Bruce County, Ontario. On January 10, 1881 Dr. Mackid married Matilda Meyer of nearby Seaforth. On June 1, 1882 they had their first son, Ludwig Stewart. "L.S." would follow his father into medicine. The family moved to Seaforth in 1885, where they stayed another four years. Dr. Mackid embarked on his second international educational trip in 1886/87. In his quest for medical knowledge, he visited Vienna, then Berlin, London, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Through his travels he came to know such famous physicians and teachers as Lister, Pasteur and Billroth. Further trips followed in 1896 and 1907.

The completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the resolution of the 1885 North West Rebellion difficulties and perhaps the Banff CMA convention of August 12-13, 1889, stimulated his adventurous spirit — to go west. Mrs. Mackid's sister had married William Pearce, the initiator of the Canadian National Parks concept. The first Canadian national park had already been created in 1885; as the postage sized Rocky Mountain (now Banff) National Park. The Mackids followed the Pearce's, arriving in late 1889, and adding three more, to the 2400 Calgarian residents. H.G. joined four physicians already practicing in Calgary. Another six would arrive before 1900.

Chief CPR Surgeon 1890-1916

The size of Dr. Mackid's practice was significantly augmented, by his 1890 appointment as the CPR surgeon for the Calgary Division (Regina to Calgary). He joined and then succeeded Dr. J.D. Lafferty, who held the appointment from 1886-89, but gave it up shortly before he was elected mayor in 1890. The division west of Calgary was awarded to Dr. R.G. Brett. That same year Dr. Mackid joined Dr. Lafferty in a short term contract to provide medical care to the CPR construction crew building the railroad and rail bridges for the Calgary to Edmonton railway. The contract lasted until the railway was completed in 1891 and extended to Fort Macleod in 1892. For the next

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twenty-two years, Mackid was the Chief CPR surgeon for the Calgary division, until it was split in 1912 and a Regina based appointment was made. Dr. Mackid also provided general medical care to local CPR families.

H.G. Mackid could be rightfully called the Father of Medicine by Rail in Western Canada. He would venture to Medicine Hat or Red Deer to provide emergency care, surgical consults or act as a medical dignitary. When the patient could be transported by rail from these centers or from Fort Macleod or Banff, his colleagues Drs. Kennedy and Brett would often come to assist him.

Mackid was involved in all of the CPR physician appointments within his Division. That included his son's appointment in 1903. H.G. became a CPR man through and through. His waiting room was filled with CPR memorabilia, right down to the hard and upright wooden chairs and tables. After H.G.'s death in 1916, L.S., (his son Ludwig Stuart) who was in the CEF in France, immediately returned to Calgary. Lord Shaughnessy met him in Montreal and transferred the Chief CPR Surgeon appointment in Calgary to him. The CPR contract with the Mackids lasted over sixty-one years. The only contract to exceed it was the one held by Drs. R. R.M. and W.B. Parsons in Red Deer, which started in 1905 and lasted 70 years.

Calgary Hospitals, 1890 and beyond: Dr. H.G. Mackid together with all of Calgary's physicians, helped lead the movement to build early hospitals. The NWMP had built the first one in 1877. It consisted of 10-13 cots and provided Cottage hospital or dormitory care for everyone in the community. The building of the CPR Railway from Fort Macleod to Edmonton markedly increased the need for beds to treat accident victims and the expected typhoid fever cases.

In 1890, with $100 from a Chinese immigrant's estate, a community canvas was undertaken by Bishop Pinkham's wife Jean. It raised enough money to open the first Calgary General "cottage" hospital (CGH) of eight to twelve beds, in a converted house. It was on 7th Avenue and 6th Street West. Drs. Mackid and Lindsay were the first medical staff. Mrs. N. Hoade was the matron. The CGH "cottage" hospital, was the second approved public hospital in the NWT. The first one was the Medicine Hat General Hospital, which started construction in 1889 and opened in 1890. Not surprisingly the first admission to the CGH was a patient with Typhoid fever.

Three months later, in January 1891, Dr. Mackid admitted the first patient to the Grey Nuns, four room, six bed temporary cottage hospital. The next year (1892) the first patient was admitted to the new three story twenty-five bed Holy Cross Hospital (HCH), built by the Grey Nuns. The HCH's first patient had a nosebleed and was followed shortly by another patient with typhoid fever. That same year (1892) Dr. Mackid performed one of the first abdominal operations in the city. He removed several bullet fragments, before suturing the intestinal wounds he found. The patient had a complete recovery.

Because of its rapid growth, Calgary was soon short of beds, again. So the Mackids helped organize another community group, to petition for a larger public general hospital. This led to the construction of the new thirty bed Calgary General Hospital (CGH) in 1894/5 at 12th Avenue and 6th Street East. Dr. Mackid's wife organized the fundraising campaign to equip it. It wasn't until 1907, that the four acres of land at the Bow River, secured during the unsuccessful 1886 hospital petition, would be the site of the third and last Calgary General Hospital.

No sooner was the CGH opened than Drs. Mackid and Brett went to Europe on a continuing medical education trip in 1896. During the trip Mackid befriended Professor Emil Shemk, the physician to the Russian Czar. The professor gave him his microscope, which was one of the first ones in Calgary. When asked on his return if there was any difference, between traveling by train through the mountains of Switzerland or Alberta he replied, "Yes, in Alberta the trains still wait and run late for Dr. Brett."

A Community, Medical and Surgical leader 1891-1911

Dr. Mackid was appointed Coroner for the City of Calgary in 1891. He was a member of the Calgary School Board in 1891/92. In 1892 he confirmed Dr. Henry George's suspicion, that smallpox had arrived on a Vancouver originated CPR train, carrying contacts with a recently docked ship from the Orient. When Dr. George quarantined himself with all the contacts, for three months, Dr. Mackid looked after his practice. In 1893 Dr. Mackid was elected the third President of the NWT Medical Association.

The pressure of his community practice, the expansion of the number of CPR employees and families, and the polarization of Dr. Mackids special interest toward surgery, led to Calgary's first sustained medical partnership. In 1903 Dr. Mackid was joined by Drs. C.J. Stewart and D.D. McLaren. It lasted two years. In 1904 H.G. welcomed his son Ludwig Stuart into the practice. To signal the

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event "H.G." bought son "L.S." a Hupmobile, the second car in Calgary. That same year H.G. conducted the famous inquest, that led to the conviction and execution of the notorious Ernest Cashel, who had murdered a Red Deer River rancher.

In 1905/6 L.S. followed his father's practice of visiting Vienna and other European medical centres, before returning to the Mayo Clinic for post-graduate training in surgery. Apparently H.G. had previously been asked to join the Mayo Clinic but had declined. Because of his experience and training, H.G. was awarded an FACS in 1913, the first year they were granted.

In 1907 H.G.'s personal and professional talents were tested, by the arrival of Sir Ernest Waterloo on the CPR train from Winnipeg. Sir Ernest was the Legal Advisor to the CPR. He had developed what was suspected to be an acute appendicitis. The call went out to Dr. Mackid. On H.G.'s arrival, Waterloo informed him that "no colonial will operate on me." H.G. proceeded to "measure him up." When asked why, Mackid said that he needed the dimensions, for the size of the box in which he would be returning to England. Waterloo acquiesced. The surgery was none too soon, as the appendix burst in Mackid's hands when he removed it. Convalescence was uneventful, in the Mackid home. It was a significant operation, but was not the first appendectomy in Alberta. That credit goes to F.H. Mewburn in Lethbridge in 1893.

When the Calgary General Hospital encountered serious financial difficulties in 1907, H.G. organized a prepaid medical and hospital plan to cover all the 3-5000 CPR employees. They paid 50¢ per employee per month for medical and hospital care, starting in 1908. It saved the CGH, financially. Although the amount varied over the succeeding decades, the plan was continued until MSI took over the contract in the early 1950s. The contract wasn't viewed with favor by all of Mackid's colleagues. That same year (1908) the Mackids started the St. John's Ambulance training program in the CPR Ogden Yards. It was quickly extended to the Calgary City Police.

In 1908 Dr. A.H. MacLaren and in 1909 Dr. G.R. Johnson joined the Mackids. Although the Mackid Group remained small, it was large enough to allow H.G. to assume other responsibilities. It never reached or exceed six physicians until 1950, when Dr. W.O. Rothwell joined the group. To keep medically current, the practice brought the first x-ray machine in Calgary in 1908, two years after Drs. E.A. Braithwaite and G.H. Malcolmson brought ones to Edmonton and Frank, respectively.

Major medical challenges at the turn of the century were not trauma or specialization but epidemics of infection. In 1911 three hundred cases of typhoid fever arose in Calgary, from dumping direct effluent or sewage into the Bow River. H.G. and L.S. initiated a mass inoculation campaign, which eradicated typhoid by 1914. H.G. was also instrumental in initiating a separate isolation unit for patients with smallpox in Calgary.

As CMA President 1911-1912: By 1911 the Canadian Medical Association had begun a practice of rotating Presidents amongst the provinces and holding the annual meetings in the province of the retiring President. Dr. Mackid was elected the first President of the CMA from Alberta in 1911/12. During his presidential year he oversaw the unification of the CMA Journal staff with the CMA secretariat. The CMAJ had started in January 1911. Its first editor was Dr. Andrew MacPhail. The first CMA executive secretary was Dr. W.W. Francis.

During his 1911/1912 year, the CMA extended the 1908 affiliation agreement with Ontario to Alberta and Manitoba in 1911 and the rest of the provincial medical associations by 1911/12. He also encouraged town and county medical societies, to affiliate with their own provincial associations. The South Central or High River Medical Society was an example of one that did affiliate, through the efforts of Drs. G.D. Stanley and G.E. Learmonth.

During 1911/12, the CMA membership increased by 33% to 1400. It covered about 25% of the doctors in Canada. In his 1912 CMA retirement speech Dr. Mackid highlighted what he called "the Western Canadian virtues of energy and a love of newness." His personality permeated the convention, and culminated in the gratitude he expressed on behalf of the 350 attendees, for the sixteen year effort by Dr. T. G. Roddick to pass the 'Roddick Bill' or Canadian Medical Act. The Act established the Dominion Medical Council (MCC), which offered medical examinations to all final year medical students. A license from the MCC granted eligibility for registration throughout the Dominion. At the end of Dr. Mackid's speech, Dr. Forin of Edmonton made the motion "to nominate Dr. T.G. Roddick as the Honorary President of the CMA, for the rest of his life". It was passed with chorus of

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applause, when Dr. Mackid asked for a show of hands. The Canada Act remains the oldest example of a Canadian profession, with a national examination, licensure and registration system.

"H.G." after 1912: In 1910 Dr. Mackid developed the first signs of diabetes. Unfortunately it was twelve years before Banting, Best and Collip would isolate insulin in 1921/22 and the Eli Lilly Company would mass-produce it. Forced back into full time practice, when L.S. joined the Canadian Army Medical Corps in 1915, H.G.'s health deteriorated. He died on August 19, 1916 on his fifty-eighth birthday. Rev. A.O. MacRae officiated at the funeral with pallbearers Colonel J. Walker, Messrs. P. Burns, J. Hamilton, J.C. Linton, Drs. R.G. Brett and J.D. Lafferty. L.S.. on hearing of the news, returned to Calgary from France, to carry on the Mackid practice.

Friends of the Mackids always talked of H.G.'s charisma. Dr. J.N. Gunn wrote of his charming manner and great sense of humor, winsome personality and great répertoire of stories. "He was a big handsome man with a warm smile, an unforgettable handshake and a generosity to the extreme." His knowledge and reputation were widely acknowledged. He was an accurate observer, clever diagnostician and expert operator. Disappointingly a copy of the "very interesting talk on the Life of the Late Dr. H.G. Mackid" given to the Calgary Medical Society by Dr. R.G. Brett on October 2, 1928 has not surfaced.

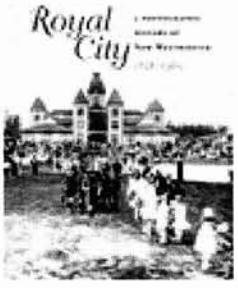
Stories about Dr. Mackid were just as memorable. When John Ware presented him with a whiskey bottle of foul smelling water that his horses wouldn't drink, he asked the doctor what he thought it was. Mackid suggested it was vegetable oil. In the years to come the source of this smell would turn out to be oil, from the Turner Valley oil and gas field, the first in Alberta. Bob Edwards wrote of a bet Dr. Mackid lost with Catherine "Mother" Fulham. He met her on a Calgary street. She complained of a sore foot, so he examined her in nearby Templeton's drug store. As the stocking came down he said, "I'll bet you a dollar that is the dirtiest leg in Calgary." She said "the bets on, put up your money." She then pulled down her other stocking. Mackid promptly paid his bet. Dr. Mackid was thought to be the perpetrator of a retaliation prank, to unhitch Mrs. Fulham's milk cart, pass the horse shafts through the fence and rehitched the horses on the other side.

The memories of Drs. H.G. Mackid and N.J. Lindsay were acknowledged during the CMA Annual Meeting on June 18-22, 1934, when Lt. Gov Walsh, on behalf of the Prime Minister R.B. Bennett, presented bouquets to their wives. The small town of Mackid six miles west of Maple Creek, is another reminder of his stature and reputation.

The Mackid Lectures

The legacy of the two Doctor's Mackid (1889-1951) was perpetuated by the Mackid Lectures, begun at the Calgary General Hospital by the CGH medical staff on May 12, 1967. The annual lectures were supported in part, by a bequest of $15,000 by Dr. L.S. Mackid in 1976. At the request of "L.S." multiple trauma was the topic of the first Mackid Lecture, thus recalling the involvement of Drs. L.S. Mackid and W.O. Rothwell in the triage and treatment of the thirty-three rail accident casualties, following the head-on train accident at Southesk near Bassano on December 29, 1949. H.G. would have smirked, had he been there to observe the energy and vigor demonstrated by his colleagues for the welfare of the injured passengers, for...

"If you get in any man broadness of view combined with energy and the progressive spirit, you get exactly those qualities which make for the advancement of medicine as a whole and the welfare of the patient in particular."



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Historian Jim Wolf worked with the New Westminster Museum and Archives from 1985 to 1988, organizing archival and research collections. He was also a founding member of the new Westminster Heritage Foundation and he brought his skills to several recent community projects, including New West's Raymond Burr Theatre Society (Columbia Theatre restoration) and Burnaby's Friends of Interurban 1223 (B.C. Electric tram restoration). He lives with his wife and son in New Westminster, where they are restoring the 1907 Herbert Harrison house.

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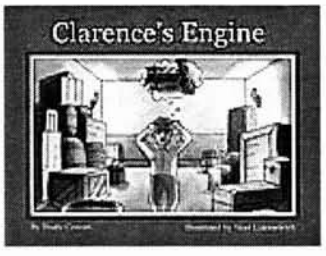

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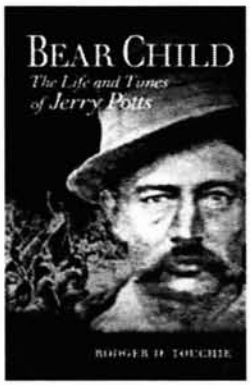

Bear Child

The Life and Times of Jerry Potts by Rodger D. Touchie $19.95 CA, $16.95 US, sc History. Heritage House. 5.5 x 8.5, 336pp 60 b&w photos, 5 maps ISBN 1-894384-63-6 The West was a lawless domain when Jerry Potts was born into the Upper Missouri fur trade in 1838. The son of a Scottish father and a Blood mother, he was given the name Bear Child by his Blood tribe for his bravery and tenacity while he was still a teen. In 1874, when the North West Mounted Police first marched west and sat lost and starving near the Canada–U.S. border, it was Potts who led them to shelter. Over the next 22 years he played a critical role in the peaceful settlement of the Canadian West.

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Books & Websites

An Alberta Art Chronicle: Adventures in Recent and Contemporary Art. by Mary-Beth Laviolette.
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by **Diana Ringstrom, President**

News & Views from HSA Chapters

This is it. Our first 100 years as a province has passed, and now we have to get busy making history for the next century. Our last was a century of great discoveries and great losses suffered through the great depression, and two world wars. Maybe as Albertans and Canadians we can discover a way to find peace and equality for all in the coming one hundred years.

The Christmas program held at Fort Calgary on December 7, with our Lieutenant-Governor, His Honour Norman Kwong, and Her Honour Mary Kwong as our guests and His Honour as our guest speaker was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

In his address, His Honour talked about his own love of history, and visiting museums and viewing the artifacts on display. The displays haven't any meaning until you know the history of the people and events they represent. He emphasized the importance of giving our youth a sense of history to give themselves a sense of belonging.

After his presentation, Tom Hamp, Program Coordinator presented His Honour with one of his famous photographic prints of a grain elevator.

Again this year, our decorating committee did a wonderful job of decorating the tables with a Christmas flair. Out thanks to committee members Jennifer Jack, Norma Lake, Ivy Cameron, Ruth Manning, Theresa Geddes, Meg Gillespie and David Ballard.

Our two Board members, Vivian Sampson and Susan Turner deserve all the credit for the many hours spent coordinating the event. Thank you to both of you for a job well done. And a special thank you to pianist Sylvia Jones who did a marvellous job for us on such short notice.

On December 7, I attended the first Calgary Exhibition and Stampede Annual Western Legacy Awards.

Dr. Frits Pannekoek received the Western Legacy Award for Innovation. Dr. Pannekoek is the president of Athabaska University and is one of the contributors to our anthology *Remembering Chinook Country*. Congratulations to Dr. Pannekoek.

Wishing you all a very happy new year.

Chinook Country Historical Society

The Calgary and District Chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2006
Safari Lodge, The Calgary Zoo
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5:00 pm - Doors Open (Free Parking, North Parking Lot)
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5.30 pm AGM Meeting

6.15/6.30 pm - Break, Cash bar and Silent Auction

6.30/6.15 pm - Buffet – Slow Roasted Beef, Pork Rolino, Wine

7.45/8.00 pm - Break, Silent Auction, Cash bar

8.15/8.30 pm - Program Speaker

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Annual General Meeting

The Lethbridge Historical Society held its Annual General Meeting on November 22, 2005, and elected its Executive Officers for 2005-2006 and three councillors. Jean Johnstone was elected President, with Belinda Crowson as Vice-President, Irma Dogterom as Secretary, and Dave Dowey as Treasurer. Lana Lonseth and Bill Lingard were elected for three-year terms as councillors, and Helen Kovacs will complete a two-year term. They will join Pat Brown, Marion Snowden and Alan Thompson who continue as councillors on the Executive Committee. Barry Snowden will serve as Past-President. Members expressed appreciation to retiring councillor Jim George, Vice-President Joe Kadezabek, and to all who served in 2004-2005.

Following the business meeting, members and guests enjoyed a presentation by member and author Georgia Fooks. "Let Us Remember" focused on the "Veterans' Guard" and its role at the Lethbridge Prisoner of War camps. A slide presentation was included.

Books Launched

Two more books!

Wednesday, November 16 — Members of the Society and special guests joined LHS book chairman Carly Stewart and author Gary Allison at the Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre to launch *My Side Of Town*. Written from the author's personal perspective, the book deals with some of the key businesses, people and institutions along the main street in north Lethbridge over the first seven or eight decades of its development. This is the first publication about North Lethbridge.

On December 15, the Society launched *The Butcher, The Baker, The Candy Maker 1870 - 1920*, by Irma Dogterom and Bill Lingard. The 216 page book is a guide to the first fifty years of commerce in Lethbridge. It includes over 300 photographs and illustrations. Appropriately, the Round Street Café hosted the launch; now in the historic 5th (Round) Street building that in 1913 became the general office and showroom for the International Harvester Co. An excerpt from the book: "In 1913 the IHC was selling Titan and Mogul tractors and ran a tractor school that year for local farmers."

The Lethbridge Historical Society is pleased to have launched these two publications in late 2005 to celebrate both the Province's Centennial and the City's 100th Anniversary in 2006.

Winter Programs

On January 24, 2006, following the business session of the regular meeting, Dr. Barbara Lacey will speak about "Epidemics: Then and Now." Dr. Lacey is a retired Family Physician and Medical Officer of Health for the City; she is now serving her fourth term on the Lethbridge City Council.

The LHS Annual Banquet will be held on Tuesday, February 28, at the Chief Crowfoot Room, Top of the Grandstand, Exhibition Park. The guest speaker will be Ruth Provost and her topic will be "The Blackfoot Confederacy: Cultural Preservation, Profiles and Progress."

Our Centennial Roots – Lethbridge 1906-2006

Our welcome is out — to the 2006 Historical Society Conference and Annual General Meeting to be held May 26, 27 & 28, in Lethbridge, with sessions and events at the soon to be completed, renovated and expanded Galt Museum and the Lethbridge Lodge Hotel. A conference brochure with registration return is included with this mailing. We're planning an informative and entertaining conference and we hope you will join us to celebrate our City's 100th Birthday. For an additional copy of the brochure and registration form, or for more information about the conference, please call Marion Snowden at 403-327-2662.

Anyone wishing more information about any of the above or other Lethbridge Historical Society happenings, call Jean Johnstone at 403-328-6279 or email jeanandi@shaw.ca .

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Central Alberta Historical Society

by **Janet Walter**

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The Central Alberta Chapter, at its AGM in September, welcomed Marguerite Watson to the Board of Directors. Although Marguerite is new to the Board, she has been a member of the Society for many years. She comes from an illustrious early Red Deer family, being the daughter of Camille Lerouge, who came to Central Alberta from France in 1907 and for many years worked for the CPR in Red Deer. He was a very active person in the community over many years, and now Ecole Camille Lerouge School is named after him. Marguerite is very active in the community as well, and a long-time member of the Red Deer and District Museum Society.

Our Board has good representation from around Central Alberta, well beyond the city limits of Red Deer, with representation from Rimbey, Rocky Mountain House, Stettler, Sylvan Lake, Heisler, and Lacombe. Moreover, our board members have connections with a number of other important organizations and projects in the area, including the Red Deer and District Museum, Red Deer College, and the David Thompson Bicentennial Committee. It is an interesting and productive Board.

Program Coordinator Shirley Dye has developed a full program of speakers for the year. The November program featured a remarkable film, Escape from Sumatra, about the wartime heroism of the late Joan Bamford-Fletcher, long a resident of Regina, who organized the rescue of some two thousand Dutch prisoners of war at the end of World War II. For the December meeting, Shirley planned a "homestead Christmas dinner" circa 1905, complete with kerosene lamplight and period entertainment.

For several years the Central Alberta Chapter has been at work on a project to develop a park on the former railway lands in downtown Red Deer, including the re-installation of the fountain that for many years stood in front of the CPR station at the west end of Ross Street. Flower beds will honour the CPR's contribution to horticulture in the West, and a series of arches, reminiscent of the old railway roundhouse, will bear etched metal plaques telling the story of the area's first hundred years. A substantial grant from the CPR Foundation got the project underway, the City has built the park and reinstalled the fountain, and now the Chapter is making plans for the "roundhouse" installation. We were delighted to receive a grant of $125,000 from the Alberta Government through the Community Facilities Enhancement program. It will go a long way toward the completion of the project. A committee chaired by our immediate past president, Dr. Bob Lampard, is hard at work selecting the content and planning the layout of the historical plaques, and meeting with the architect and engineers to move the project forward.

Another past president, Dr. Bill Baergen, continues to raise the profile of Louis Riel in Central Alberta and even further afield with his dramatic reenactment of Riel's final address to the court at his trial in 1885. The reenactment has been presented on at least thirty occasions to a wide variety of audiences, and Dr. Baergen has been made an honorary member of the Metis Nation of Alberta. In mid-November, as part of Metis Awareness Week, Bill was invited to be Louis Riel once again, this time in the foyer of the Alberta Legislature, to an assemblage which included the Premier, several cabinet ministers, MLAs and many guests. Well done, Bill. (See photographs of this event on **Page 19**).

On other fronts things continue to move along. The Historic Red Deer Week Committee is at work planning the 2006 version, the Bus Tour Committee is considering the possibilities for a June tour, and the Publications Committee has two new manuscripts in the works. It looks like a busy winter!

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Photos by Rachel Hohn of the Metis Nation of Alberta on November 16, 2005,at the ceremony marking the 120th anniversary of the hanging of Louis Riel at the Alberta Legislature

They took me around the fountain north of the legislature on a Red River cart before the ceremony

It was an honour for me to be part of this impressive ceremony

See Premier Klein, Mike Cardinal, Kevin Taft, Pearl Calahasen (behind) Lady in the buckskin jacket is Audrey Poitras the president of the Alberta Metis Nation

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HSA Calendar of Events – 2006

Jan 19/06	**CAHS "With Transit, Chains and Endurance: Land Surveyors Tackle Alberta's North"**, 7:30 pm. Red Deer & District Museum
Jan 24	**CCHS "High River, Three Centuries, One Centennial,"** 7:30 pm at Ft. Calgary, 750 9 Ave SE.
Jan.24/06	**LHS "Epidemics: Then and Now"**, 7:15 pm. Lethbridge Public Library Community Room
Jan 31/06	**EDHS "History of Jasper Avenue"** 7:30 pm. North Glenora Community Hall
Feb. 16/06	**CAHS "The Tom & Norman Stewart Story"**, 7:30 pm. Red Deer and District Museum
Feb. 28/06	**LHS "Cultural Preservation, Profiles and Progress (Heritage): The Blackfoot Confederacy in Canada and the U.S.A"** and AGM, 6:00 pm. Chief Crowfoot Dining Room
Feb 28	**CCHS "Early Photography in Alberta"** 7:30 pm at Fort Calgary, 750 9 Ave. SE
Feb. 28/06	**EDHS "Black History Month"**, 7:30 pm. North Glenora Community Hall
Mar. 16/06	**CAHS "Bones and Things: Fur Trade Reburial at Rocky Mountain House"**, 7:30 pm. Red Deer and District Museum
Mar 21	**CCHS "History of the Calgary Zoo"** and AGM, 5:00 pm Safari Room, Calgary Zoo
Mar. 28/06	**EDHS "Leisure Times Over the Years"**, 7:30 pm. North Glenora Community Hall
Apr. 20/06	**CAHS "Canadienne-francaise de l'Alberta"**, 7:30 pm. Red Deer and District Museum
Apr 25	**CCHS "Unmentionable History of the West"** 7:30 pm at Fort Calgary, 750 9 Ave. SE
Apr. 25/06	**EDHS** John Rowand Night and AGM, **"Historical Gardens"**, 6:00 pm. Faculty Club, UofA
May 18/06	**CAHS "Ten Grandmothers"**, 7:30 pm. Red Deer and District Museum
May 23	**CCHS "Preserving the Pioneer Homestead"** 7:30 pm at Fort Calgary, 750 9 Ave. SE

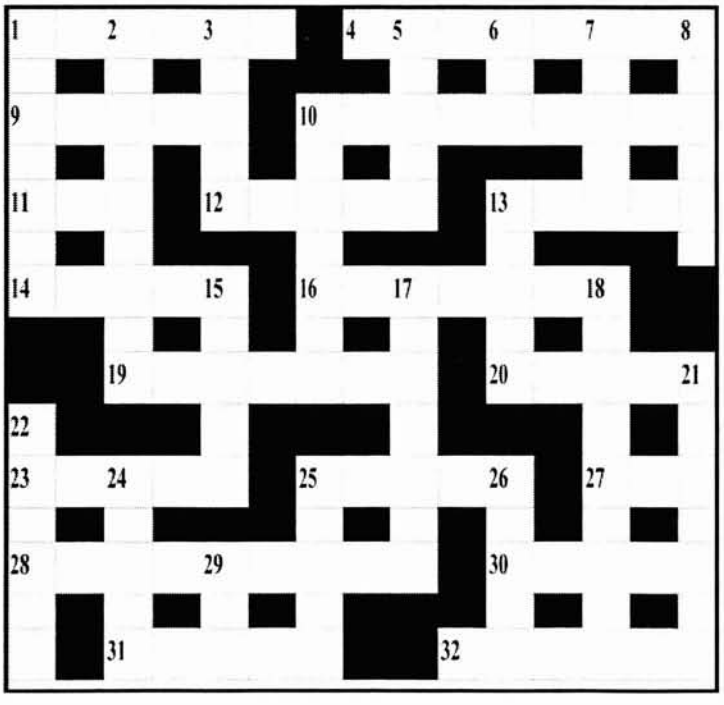
HSA Crossword

This crossword puzzle devised by Jennifer Prest

Answers to last newsletter crossword:

Across: 1. Grassi; 4. Coleman; 7. Ethan; 8. Frederick; 10. Bob; 11. Yield; 12. Klein; 13. Waste; 15. Tyrrell; 18. Asset; 19 Sonar; 22. Orton; 24. Hanna; 26. Aid; 27. R.B. Bennett; 29. Hythe; 30. Antenna; 31. Insurer

Down: 1. Glenbow; 2. Athabasca; 3. Sandy; 4. Creed; 5. Lee; 6. Maine; 8. Fleutot; 9. King; 12. Keeps; 14. Edson; 16. Resin; 17. Lancaster; 20. Red Deer; 21. Moorea; 23. Tibet; 24. Hyena; 25. Ashes; 28. Nun.



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. Famous five member, Emily
4. The last premier of the North West Territories, Frederick
9. Charles Sherwood, MBE, 1873-1957, inventor of a blade cultivator, for whom a village near Lethbridge is named
10. A WWII bomber, seen in Nanton
11. A 19th century motel?
12. Cheek or a flavourful addition to a meal?
13. Boredom
14. _ Anderson, former Edmonton Oiler
16. Dictated or inflicted
19. Narrowed
20. The location of Edmonton International Airport
23. To begin or expand
25. _ Island, first stop for many U.S. immigrants
27. Yes, in Quebec
28. Indicated or showed
30. January, in Mexico
31. Crude, rocky, coarse
32. George -, a pioneer oilman, and partner of John Lineham

Down

1. Alberta's eighth premier
2. A prominent Calgary lawyer and also a Canadian Prime Minister
3. Roues and foot parts
5. California's governor, slangly
6. A grassy meadow
7. Chief Justice L. Darlene _, a former teacher in Edmonton
8. The Lt. Governor, _ Kwong
10. Canada's Prime Minister when Alberta became a province, Sir Wilfrid __
13. A town on Highway 16, west of Edmonton
15. neck backs?
17. Cycled or sold
18. Finds or uncovers
21. A mythical beast
22. Frequently found around Drumheller, a _____
24. A mountain in the Swiss Alps
25. _ Cavell, a mountain in the Canadian Rockies is named for her.
26. To grab
29. A promissory note