

Heritage Ottawa

CP/PO Box 510, Station B, Ottawa Ontario

Heritage Lost?

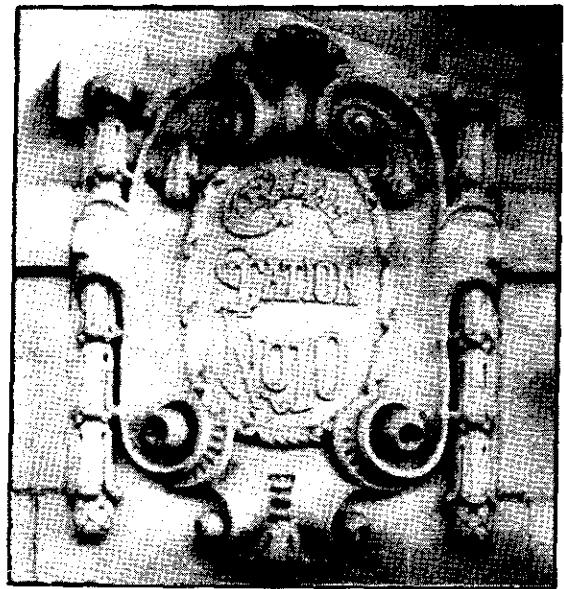
Now that a new Fire-station is looming, four-square and efficient, on a spot where children used to play (the O'Connor and Fifth Avenue end of Lansdowne Park) a question dangles before us.

What will happen to old Number 10 (Fairbairn and Sunnyside)?

In appearance, it belies its' age. Architecture: pure Ottawa South, with Spanish overtones. It pre-dates 1915. The tracks for horse-drawn sleighs and wagons, pumps and ladders, remain, even in 1974.

It is a building which blends completely with its domestic surroundings and which symbolizes "Ottawa South" to generations of school-children. How many kids from Hopewell School took that "short-cut" (for exasperated mothers, a "long-cut") to absorb a glamourous glimpse of shiny fire-engines, a polished brass pole and a row of hip-high boots, ready for action?

The fire-men, out front, would teeter back on two legs of their chairs to josh with the kids. On Hallowe'en it was a famed stopping-place for goodies. Sometimes the fire-men would hose down their marvellous vehicles right in the street, to the wonderment of onlookers. If a neighbouring lawn or a sunburnt child needed watering, they'd give it a drenching too, just for good measure!



Beyond the dawn of human memory (thirty years ago?) one of the fire-men was reputed to have been a gardener rivalling his peers at the Experimental Farm. The flower beds and some lawn remain. It is not an antiseptic public building.

Here is a piece of architecture which, before its' day and generation, conformed to all the current rules. It is a public utility which blends completely with all the surrounding houses. It is an inviting building. It can be entered at street level; no steps. It is invested with meaning, a landmark for anyone who has ever lived in Ottawa South.

The Spanish tile roof was repaired about ten years ago. I am told that the walls now require help from supporting beams. But there it still stands - the very last vintage Fire-station in the City - the very last.

An ambulance depot? A community meeting-place? A day-care centre? A restaurant? A Fire-mens' museum? Or ... another bulldozed, vacant corner?

The City owns this property.

Surely this is a clear case where "recycling" could be a model to us all?

DOES YOUR CANDIDATE SUPPORT:

- the recommendations of the '72 Mayor's Committee on Heritage
- the formation of a Heritage Design Committee with true citizen representation to review applications for alterations to heritage buildings and also those within heritage zones which are compatible with it.
- the extension of demolition control on heritage buildings to one year.
- the continued life of City-owned buildings with the character and charm of the fire station shown in this newsletter.
- the review of the role of Canada's Capital Visitors and Convention Bureau.

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NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18th(yes, this monday)
8:15 p.m.
ST. BARTHOLOMEWS CHURCH hall
125 MACKAY ST.

There are important items on the agenda:

-the voting on our new by-laws
***if you have not yet seen the copies
available at Heritage Canada's office
and the Public Library please call
Eleanor or any member of the executive
and a copy will be delivered to you.

-our relationship to Heritage Canada
will be explained, particularly the
subsidized membership.

-films will be shown, thanks to the
cooperation of Helmut & the Carleton
School of Architecture and Heritage
Canada...Through the eyes of a child
...and Bytown.....

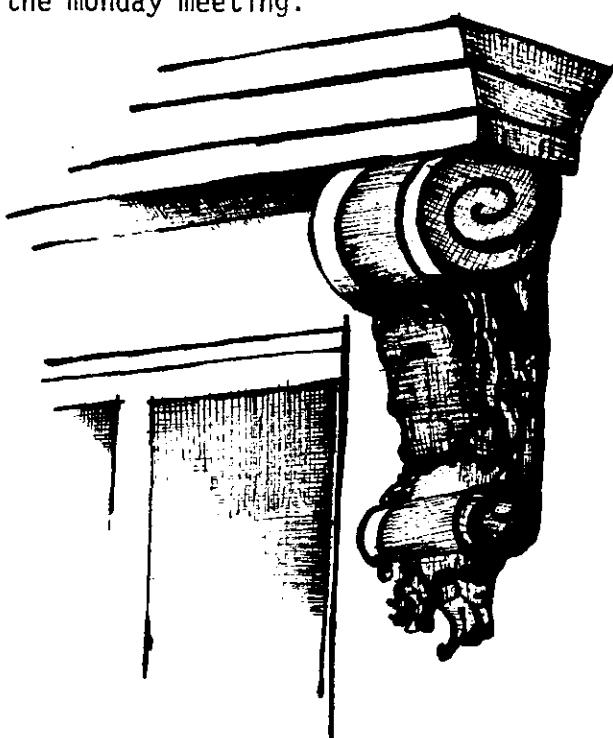
-coffee will be served

WALKING TOURS:

The walking tours of Sandy Hill are now
available in French, thanks to the diligence
of Mary Roaf and the cooperation of Mr. Love.
The New Edinburgh tour is now being translated.

cc

If you would like to help promote them please
see Stuart, Jane or Sandy before, during or
after the monday meeting.



The Walking Tours of Sandy Hill
and New Edinburgh are available at
the following locations:

SANDY HILL COMMUNITY OFFICE
HISTADRUT CENTRE
292 LAURIER ST. EAST

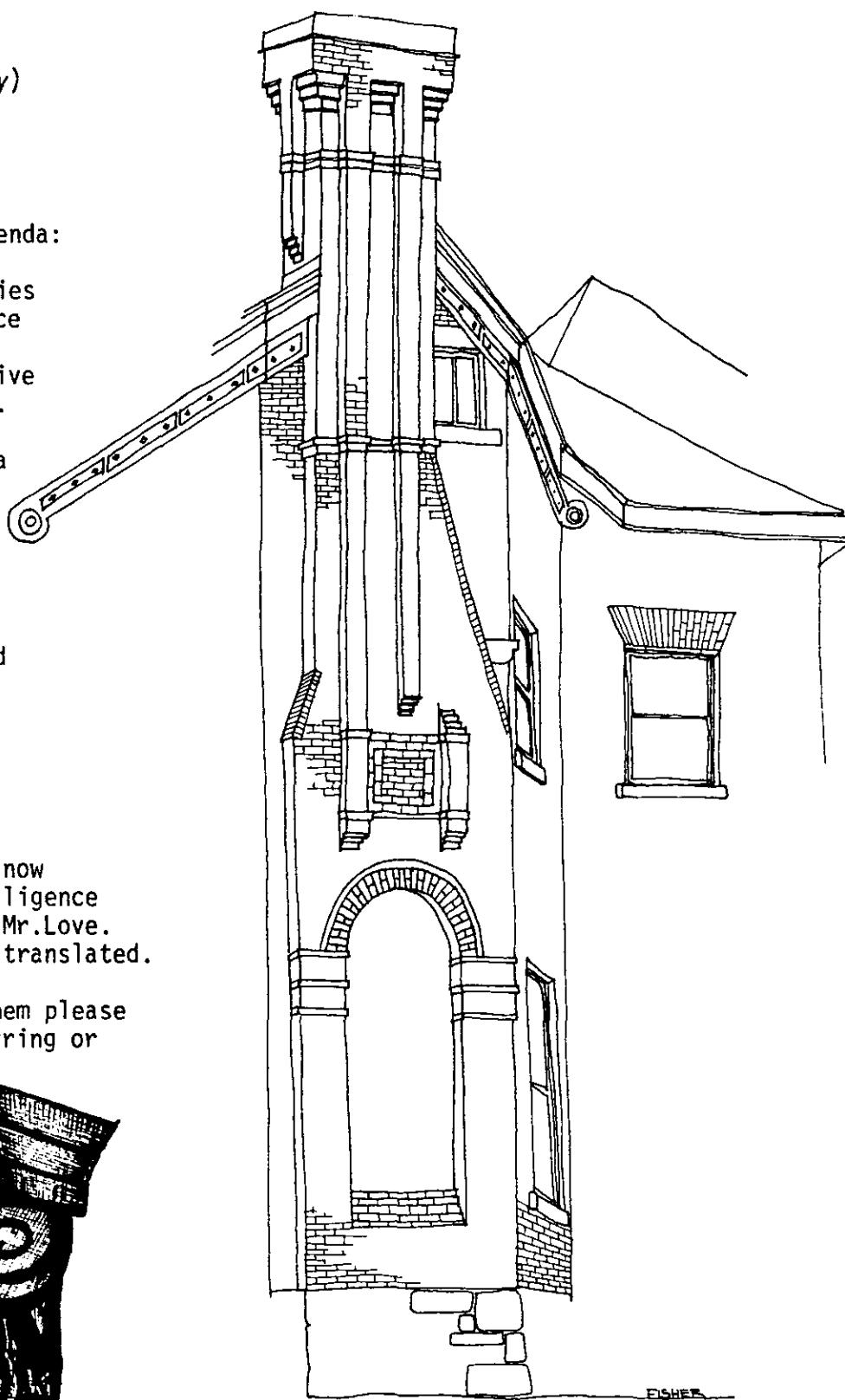
"ANTIQUES"
12 BEECHWOOD AVE.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA BOOKSTORE

BYTOWN GLASS
21 YORK ST.

OTTAWA HEALTH AIDS
280 NELSON

and by writing to HERITAGE OTTAWA
P.O.BOX 510
STATION B OTTAWA



AROUND TOWN:

Details for preserving heritage areas and
buildings in Sandy Hill and Centretown
are being worked out by the City Heritage
Officer and the community organizations.

CHIMNEY
WILBRAD & NELSON

THANK YOU:

Barry and Nigel for their great presentation
and talk on the restoration of the Marble
Warehouse at 14 Waller St. If there are
any members who would be interested in doing
research into the history of the warehouse
please contact Barry Padolsky or any member
of the executive.

Thanks, as well, to our friends at the Nicholas
St. Jail, who helped show off the building to the
delegates to the Heritage Canada annual meeting.

