

# NEWSLETTER

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## HERITAGE OTTAWA TOUR

Members of the Programs Committee have organized a tour of the newly renovated East Block. However, Parliamentary Guides are required and it is imperative that the number of persons taking the tour is known beforehand. Please call Stella Kirk (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at 745-0551 or Lois Johnston at 992-6391 before September 30th if you wish to be included on the list of attendees.

DATE: October 7th, 1980

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: East Block, Parliament Buildings

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Heritage Ottawa's last Board meeting of the summer was held on August 26 at our own Fraser Schoolhouse. The Board noted that 500 copies of an information pamphlet describing Heritage Ottawa's functions and activities had been printed in time for the opening of the Thomas MacKay exhibit at City Hall - copies are also available at the Billings Estate for its visitors.

The MacKay exhibit, which was moved to the Schoolhouse at the end of August, was officially opened on September 20th following the unveiling of a plaque in honor of MacKay. The ceremony was followed by a tea hosted jointly by the Historical Society of Ottawa and Heritage Ottawa.

A two-man committee of the Board has been struck to develop criteria for the selection of the annual Heritage Ottawa Awards. It was suggested that the committee also liaise with LACA Committee members who were also planning to initiate the presentation of heritage awards.

The City of Ottawa has written to Heritage Ottawa asking for suggestions as to the future use of the Teachers' College. John Leaning, President, made suggestions for the college's use at a public meeting held a year ago; therefore, it was decided that he would write to the City reiterating those suggestions.

The late John Diefenbaker requested in his will that his Rockcliffe Park home be made into a museum after his death. The Board agreed that a letter should be sent to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board encouraging them to place a plaque on the house commemorating Mr. Diefenbaker.

Following the receipt of a trust company notice of a heritage home for sale, the question of paid advertising in the Newsletter arose. The Board decided that, since it may be seen as endorsing the merit or authenticity of claims made by the advertisers, we could not accept paid advertising at this time; however, the proposal will be investigated further.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. after receiving the reports from committee secretaries.

Anne E. MacDonald

## AYLMER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Aylmer Heritage Association is sponsoring an antique Fair and Sale, Friday October 24th from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday October 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Fair will be held at The Barn, 95 Albert Street in Aylmer. Admission is \$1.25 and lunch will be available.

## SCHOOLHOUSE RENOVATIONS

Workmen are busy putting a new light on the Schoolhouse. The light is part of the regular street lighting system and will turn on and off with the daylight. Board members and visitors will now be able to see where they are going when they trip up that first short step. Thank you NCC.

## NEW JOURNAL FOR THE HISTORY OF CANADIAN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & MEDICINE

The HSTC Bulletin announced that a new Journal for the History of Canadian Science, Technology and Medicine will commence publication in the autumn of 1980. The first volume will carry refereed articles in both English and French in these areas. The journal will also provide reviews of books, news of the

profession, bibliographies, and other valuable notes.

Requests for information should be sent to the editor, Dr. Richard A. Jarrell, Dept. of Natural Science, Atkinson College, York University, Downsview, Ontario, Canada M3J 2R7.

#### LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

During the last four years I have been renovating the house at 217 Strathcona Avenue in The Glebe and have had great fortune to receive advice from Julian Smith, past Director Heritage Ottawa, Ralph Latté from the NCC and Clifford Ham Heritage Advisor for the City of Ottawa. The NCC has been particularly interested in the property as they believe that the front part of the house was a farm or canal labourers dwelling prior to the subdivision of the Glebe. It is evidently an increasingly rare example of a small, simple dwelling from the early days of Ottawa that has survived more or less intact in its original condition, both inside and out. I have endeavoured to enhance this state during the renovations.

The house is listed by the NCC in their highest heritage category.

The following items are of particular interest to Heritage oriented people: - original wood siding; front and side porches with ornamental posts and trim; gingerbread bargeboard; pressed tin ceiling in the kitchen; extensive V groove wood panelling; stair rail and newel post; door, window and baseboard trim; softwood and hardwood floors; ornamental hotwater radiators; original bathroom fixtures including clawfoot bath and wood toilet tank; numerous antique items including light switches, lamps and other hardware; original acorn-hotwater furnace in basement (not in use).

In many respects, the house has been modernized, -- new wiring, plumbing, furnace, insulation, etc. There is a relatively large old-style garden with a private drive.

As it is my hope to find a purchaser who is interested in maintaining the heritage characteristics of this property, I am grateful for the opportunity to advertise to Heritage Ottawa that the property is for sale.

I am available to answer any questions at the following phone number: 233-2051.

Barry James  
217 Strathcona Avenue

#### HERITAGE OTTAWA PRESIDENT HONOURED

While in Cleveland, Ohio attending a meeting of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, President John Leaning was presented with the Key to the City.

The Mayor of Cleveland made the presentation during a luncheon given in John's honour in his capacity as President of Heritage Ottawa and as an Ottawa architect.

Congratulations, John!

#### NFB PHOTO CONTEST

The National Film Board of Canada is holding a photo contest in order to collect an exhibition of photographs by Canadians depicting the sites of our nations history.

They are looking for pictures of landmarks, well-known, like the birthplace of Confederation, or little-known, like the house where you raised your family.

Entry forms are available by writing: Sights of History, National Film Board of Canada, Still Photography Division, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa K1A 0N1.

NFB will purchase the photos they wish to use. Contest closes December 1, 1980.

#### CONSERVING ENERGY IN HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Technical Preservation Services, a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, develops and publishes a wide range of technical information about methods for preserving and maintaining historic properties.

A three-page bibliography entitled:

Energy Conservation in Historic Buildings, recently published by this advisory service, may be obtained free-of-charge from: Technical Preservation Services Division, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, 440 G Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243, U.S.A.

Please complete the form below and renew your membership early.

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIPS

Our membership year ends September 30th and, therefore, fees are now due.

Your membership includes not only receipt of the monthly Newsletter but also invitations to all Heritage Ottawa's functions, such as seminars, tours, talks, receptions, and exhibits.

1981 promises to be a full year starting with a tour of the newly renovated East Block in October.

Please send your submissions before the 10th of the month to:

The Editor, 44 Carmichael Court,  
Kanata, Ontario K2K 1K2 or  
telephone: 592-4209.

Jennifer

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Mail form to: Heritage Ottawa, P.O. Box 510, Station B,  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5P6

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