

THE EAST TORONTO AND BEACHES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Report 1979/1980

Newsletter # 3

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My third year as President is now over and so I would like to present this third combined report and newsletter. It has been another successful year, and one of several innovations. Thanks again to all members for support in attending meetings. Very many thanks to Phyllis Davidson for prompting the phoners. People do rely on it. If you do not wish to be phoned, please let Phyllis or me know. We always need more phoners as they provide a useful service to members.

Guest Speakers

1979/80 was another year of good speakers. I thank them very much for their time, and for their generosity in not asking for a fee. Our September meeting featured member Gene Domagala's presentation of politicians of the municipality of the Town of East Toronto. Gene has to be complimented on his thorough research in this and other historical fields. In October Ted Wickson, the Toronto Transit Commission historian, gave us an excellent slide presentation about the development of early transportation in Toronto. Our November meeting was the first held outside of the two libraries. It was held at the Beaches Hebrew Institute on Kenilworth Avenue. Members were most interested to hear about the Jewish faith and traditions. Mr. Arie Nerman was an excellent host and speaker. Our next speaker was Dorothy Campbell. It was her second visit, and she talked about the architectural history of Toronto from 1850 to 1900. Interesting slides accompanied the lecture. Another repeat speaker was Alan Howard from the Marine Museum. This time he reminisced with us about his years of theatre-going in Toronto. Our March meeting was addressed by Col. Norman Wright, the first Honorary Commandant of Fort York. He and Corporal Garth Armstrong of the Fort York Guard gave us a good history of the Fort. We thank Ken Smith for taking time and trouble to photograph our meetings. The photograph of Garth in Ward 9 News was an eye-catcher. We achieved a milestone in April when our 50th meeting was held at Balmy Beach Club. This was a popular meeting with 60 people in attendance. Ken Bingham, club historian did a great job arranging for the guest panel and slides. Balmy Club President, John Pineo has asked us for a return visit.

Historical Plaques

One of the main functions of the Toronto Historical Board is to preserve all that is of Historical and/or Architectural interest in the City. Several plaques commemorating important buildings, historical events or persons have been erected, and more are planned. Lately I have been privileged to attend two such unveilings: firstly the plaque to composer and organist Healey Willan at St. Mary Magdalene Church; secondly the plaque to mark the Rolph School, originally built as a Wesleyan Chapel on Asquith Street but demolished in 1974 to make way for the new Metro Central Reference Library. The plaque was unveiled in one of the meeting rooms but will be affixed to the outside of the building near the old site. On another occasion I accepted an invitation to witness a salute to the 167th Anniversary of the Battle of York. This salute was fired from a 6 pr cannon on a newly-acquired carriage at Historic Fort York. I find it rewarding just finding out where some of our tax dollars are spent. The Board is to be commended on its work.

Grants

Last November I submitted our first grant request based on expenditure for 1978. I am happy to announce that we received full payment. This year I will try earlier as I now have learned the ropes of applying for such assistance.

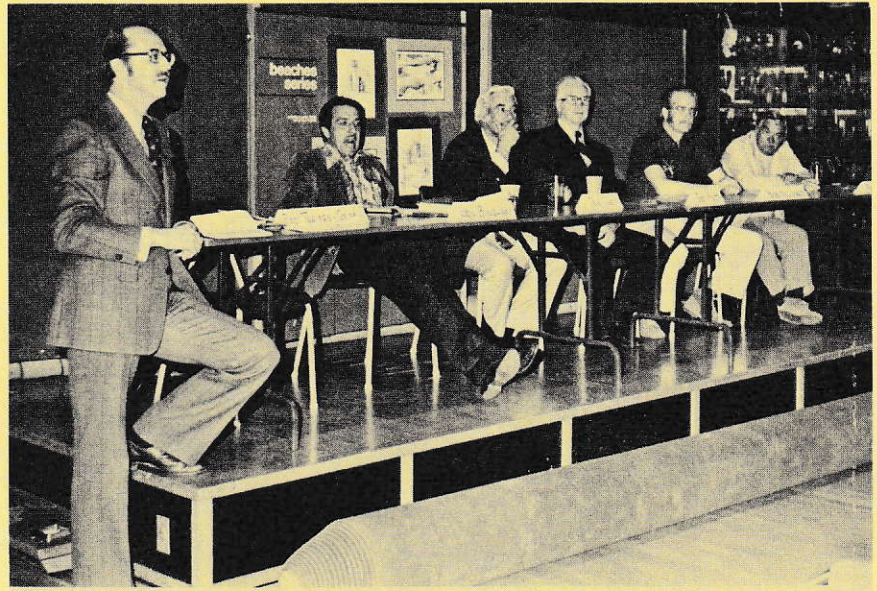
Plaque to Dr. William D. Young

On Sunday, June 15, 1980 at 3 p.m. a programme to unveil the above plaque will take place at the William D. Young Memorial Fountain Kew Gardens, opposite 61 Lee Avenue. All members will receive an invitation to attend this function which our Society is Co-sponsoring with the Toronto Historical Board. Regrets have been received from the Honourable

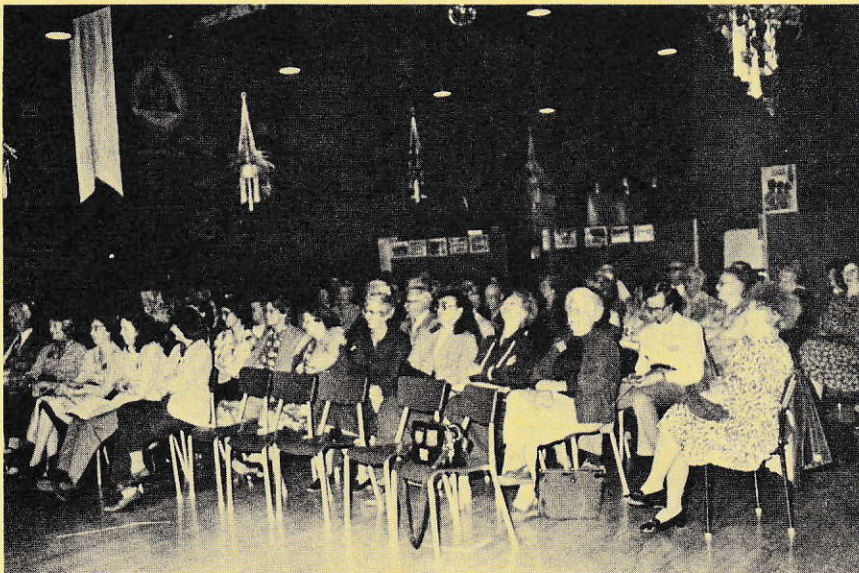
Pauline M. McGibbon, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario that she will not be able to attend due to another commitment. Regrets have also been received from Mayor John Sewell that he is unable to attend the unveiling. Acceptances have been received from our M.P.P., Mrs. Marion Bryden and from our two Aldermen, Alderman P. Sheppard and Alderman T. Wardle Jr. I am hoping that a member of the Medical profession will also attend. Mr. George Rust-D'Eye will give the historical background. You may remember his excellent presentation to us at our February 1978 meeting. He is Vice Chairman Toronto Historical Board. I had hoped to obtain the services of the famous Malvern Collegiate Institute Band but school activities are over by June 15. The principal, Mr. J. D. Macdonald, and Musical Director, Mr. George McRae, were most grateful for the invitation. Everything is progressing well with the event but as light refreshments are being served to guests in the library afterwards we would appreciate some assistance from members.

Phyllis Davidson, as announced at the last meeting will be looking after this function. She will be asking for cookies and people to serve. Please say Yes to her. Hope to see you all there. By the way, this function also serves to open the newly renovated Beaches library. Next year we will return to our schedule of using alternate libraries.

Photos credit to Ken Smith



*April 21, 1980. Meeting at Balmy Beach Club
The President and Panel*



*April 21, 1980. Meeting at Balmy Beach Club
The Members*

Book Committee Report - Mary Campbell, Chairman

Our Book Committee is still hard at work on an early history of East Toronto and the Beach area. We are now at the stage of sifting research material and deciding what to use, and how to use it to the best effect. If you have material - information, photographs, documents, etc., which you think might be useful to our project, now is the time to get in touch with the Committee. You do not have to donate your material if you wish to keep it. Simply lend it to us to copy, and it can be returned to you afterwards. Please call Mary Campbell at 699-8830 if you think you can help. We appreciate all members contributions to this work.

History Prize

In order to encourage a love of Canadian History, the Society has decided to donate a history prize to Malvern Collegiate. This is another "first" for us this year. The prize will be awarded to the student in Grade 13 obtaining the highest marks in Canadian History. It will be presented for the first time at the Malvern Commencement in November 1980. It will be a book on the history of Toronto of approximately \$25.00 value which we hope the student will keep and use. The executive hopes that this commitment will be kept in future years.

Treasurer's Report

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Balance on hand April 8, 1979			\$334.15

Receipts

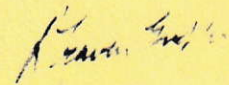
Memberships		\$107.00	
Ministry of Culture & Recreation grant		49.70	
Bank interest		13.70	
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		170.40	
			\$504.55

Disbursements

Printing	\$33.82	
Photographs	9.00	
O.H.S. Membership	10.00	
Postage and supplies	24.77	
East End Graphics (Logo)	70.00	
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	147.59	
Balance on hand May 11, 1980		<u>\$356.96</u>

Helen Travers-Griffin
Treasurer

Have a good Summer. See you in Kew Gardens on June 15th or at our next meeting in September at the newly renovated Beaches Library.


Rod Travers-Griffin
President

May 12, 1980