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Fall Programme

Join us at 7:10 for refreshments.



Wednesday, 25 September, 7:30 p.m.
TORONTO RE-BORN

Toronto is going through a remarkable growth spurt and becoming more and more diverse. **Ken Greenberg**, urban designer, writer, and former Director of Urban Design and Architecture for the City of Toronto, will describe the transformation of the old postwar city into an exciting modern one through the work and decisions of citizens, NGOs, businesses, and governments. He will focus on the period from 1970 to the present, drawing on his two books *Walking Home* (2011) and *Toronto Reborn* (2019).

Wednesday, 30 October, 7:30 p.m.
TORONTO'S WATERY HISTORY

Ed Freeman, retired geologist, will provide an illustrated talk on how water has shaped the geography of Toronto and created the landforms of the city. He will explain where our water comes from, how it is distributed, and where it goes after it is used.

Wednesday, 27 November, 7:30 p.m.
NORTH TORONTO IN PICTURES....
45 YEARS LATER.

This illustrated talk, presented by **Barbara Myrvold**, Local History Senior Services Specialist for the Toronto Public Library, will focus on images of North Toronto from TPL's Digital Archive. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the publication *North Toronto in Pictures, 1889-1912* which was based on an exhibit at Locke Library. The Digital Archive now provides access to a wealth of material on North Toronto through the TPL website.

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Fall Walk—BEDFORD PARK—Sunday, 6 October, 2:00-3.45 p.m.

Meet at the NE corner of Yonge & Lawrence, in the George Milbrandt Parkette beside the TTC subway entrance. *Rain or Shine.*

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The Society meets at the Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Boulevard (one block north of Eglinton, just west of Yonge) at 7:30 pm on the last Wednesday of each month from September to November & January to May. Programmes are free and are open to the public. Our co-sponsor is the Northern District Branch of the Toronto Public Library.

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in orange at night time..that Sunnybrook Farm will soon be a hive of industry once the spring's sun softens the earth - the new military hospital is to be erected there..that Sonja Heni, the Ice Queen, was in Toronto this week on her way to visit Little Norway in Muskoka..that by a Gallop Poll [sic] published in the Toronto Star, 56% of the Canadians desire a full bred Canadian Lieutenant Governor, 34 percent prefer him to remain British and the rest scratch their heads..

Between the Dark and the Daylight
By Jean Sainsbury [106 Lytton Blvd]

On just such an evening as this the neighbourhood gang used to assemble as soon as the evening repast had ended, first on kiddie-cars, then tricycles, progressing on to bicycles and finally, if they were in good form and could talk the family into staying at home, in Dad's jalopy. Those were the days, and Spring won't be quite the same in North Toronto or anywhere else until the gang return from their wanderings and resume their get-togethers at the old familiar meeting places.

Issue No. 29, July 25, 1944.

[Stuart Sheils, Italy, July 22] [99 Wanless Cres]
Just received issue #24 of you-know-what and as usual it was handed from man to man throughout the troop and every word digested. The Chimes is really a favourite with this mob and they all join me in thanking you for bringing a breath of home to one small part of the Eighth Army.

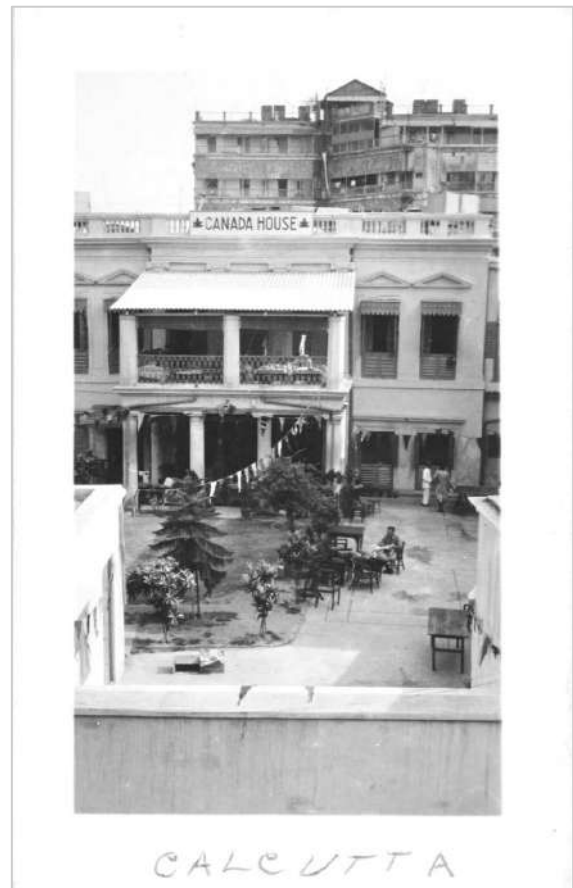
[Bud Fitzgerald, Calcutta, 30 June] [17 Lumley Ave]
Things should be humming around "Canada House" (Calcutta) this weekend. There is to be a party and dance in honour of our Great Dominion and it will also be a house warming for "Canada House" which has been in operation for one month. I understand

there are going to be some real live women there too...

One often thinks of things at home that he knows he can't get here. I think the one that comes to my mind most often is a cold glass of buttermilk. Cattle in India are of poor stock and consequently their products are inferior.

What Goes on When the Lights Go Off
By Jean Sainsbury [106 Lytton Blvd]

A much heralded picture made its initial appearance at Loews yesterday "THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER" with Alan Marshall as the romantic Englishman opposite the lovely Irene Dunne. Those who have read Alice Duer Millar's famous poem of the same name will recognize the title and find a great deal of similarity in the story, but as usual, Hollywood tries its old trick of "gilding the lily" not always to the satisfaction of movie goers in general.



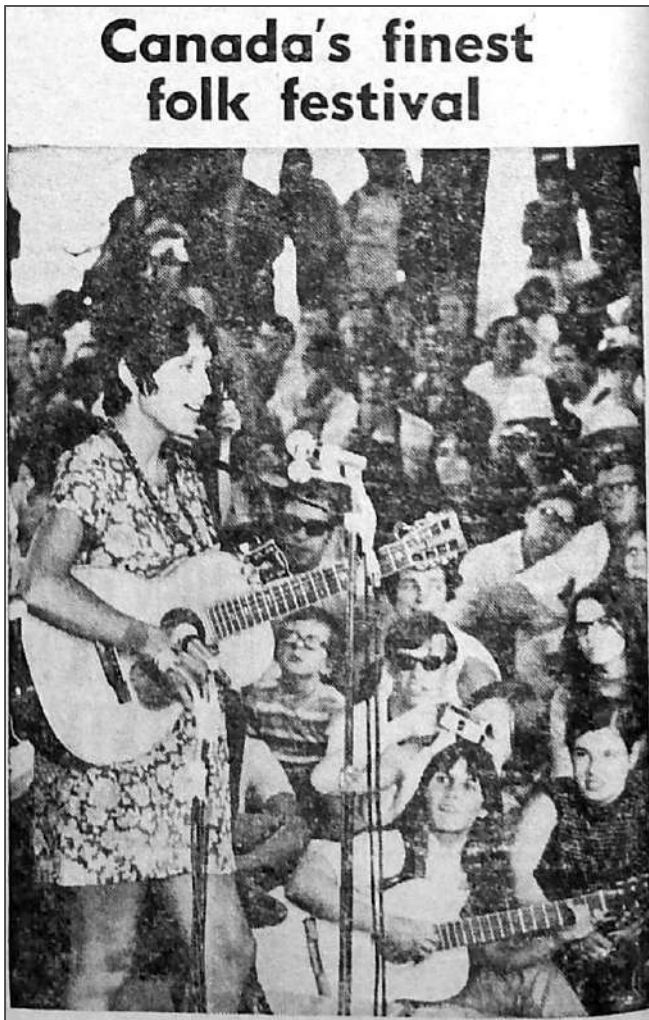
RCAF Canada House in Calcutta
<https://tinyurl.com/yxhlh3et>

50 Years Ago

Items from the North Toronto Herald, 1969, contributed by Alex. Grenzebach. The Herald is available at Northern District Library.

A. S. Bray, Ontario deputy minister of Tourism and Information, spoke at a meeting of the Outdoor Writers of Canada and posed the question "Are we polluting ourselves into oblivion?" He called on them "to be leaders in the critical anti-pollution battle."

Over twice as many films were being borrowed in Toronto libraries than in 1968. Although free, films had to be returned within 24 hours.



Joan Baez held the audience transfixed when she appeared as the top attraction at this summer's Mariposa Folk Festival on Toronto Island. She is one of many fine artists who will be seen and heard when CBC television presents Mariposa: A Folk Festival, Sunday, Sept. 28 (9:00-10:00 p.m. EDT, in color). The hour-long program is an attempt to capture the atmosphere of the festival, not a formally structured concert.



Scheduled for launching next Friday, Apollo 12 astronauts (L-R) Charles Conrad, Jr., Commander, Richard F. Gordon, Command Module Pilot, and Alan L. Bean, Lunar Module Pilot do a routine spacecraft checkout. Insert is the official Apollo 12 emblem.

Metropolitan Toronto Council approved a further 1¼ mile extension of the Yonge subway to Finch Avenue.

The Financial Post reported that the garments known as panty hose "have grown so popular that they now account in some cities for an estimated 75% of all hosiery sales." Canadian production "has zoomed from zero in 1966 to an estimated 9.5 million dozen in 1969."

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Robin Hood



Canada's Finance Minister, Edgar Benson, has issued a White Paper on taxation which is generally geared to take from the rich and give to the poor. Also proposed in the new scheme would be the first ever capital gains tax for this country.

"New Era"



The state moved out of the nation's bedrooms as new amendments to the Criminal Code became law. The changes introduced by Justice Minister John Turner are the most far-reaching in Canada in the past 80 years.

Angry



Opposition leader Robert Stanfield has accused Prime Minister Trudeau of excessive power from his office. Mr. Stanfield says that the Prime Minister "is developing the powers of a President."

WARD 10
KILBOURN TOMLINSON
for ALDERMAN
KILBOURN TAJUNEN
for SCHOOL TRUSTEE
LIBERAL

ON DECEMBER 1st VOTE DENNISON

- He will continue his policy: "Request for taxpayer's dollars."
- He will fight for full Island park development.
- He stands for Tax relief and encouragement for home improvements.

His record of service and experience as a former Trustee, M.P.P., Alderman, Controller, and now Mayor, speaks for itself. For good Government, and growth with stability.

RE-ELECT MAYOR

X | DENNISON, William

William Dennison, in his bid for re-election as Mayor, stated that he would "fight for full Island park development." Margaret Campbell, in her campaign for Mayor, claimed that it was "time for change without taking a chance." David Crombie ran for Alderman in Ward 11.

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Spring 2019 Lecture Series

MARCH: Marta O'Brien

Houses of Worship

by Marta O'Brien

Long before condo towers defined Toronto's skyline, church steeples were the tallest buildings. Happily, many are still landmarks in their neighbourhoods.

Catholics were so scarce in Upper Canada that St Paul's (Power St, Corktown) was the first Roman Catholic church between Kingston and Detroit when it was built in 1822. The congregation grew with Irish famine refugees, and a beautiful Renaissance Revival style church replaced the original in 1884. When most churches were in the Gothic Revival style, the bishop wanted the church to show its connection to Rome with Italian architecture. The serene interior includes lovely paintings depicting the conversion and life of St. Paul.

Downtown's "Ward" was a poor area home to many newcomers for over 100 years. A generous Englishwoman left money to Bishop Strachan to build a church dedicated to the Trinity where pew rents would not be charged (as they were in other churches). Holy Trinity still stands despite being threatened by the Eaton Centre. Next time you're at the Eaton Centre pop in to see the colourful stained glass windows and painted ceiling. Holy Trinity remains a place of refuge for the homeless and other marginalized groups.

Jarvis Street Baptist Church has been a landmark on the corner of Jarvis & Gerrard since 1875. It has true gargoyles: water flows out of their mouths when it rains. As lovely as the outside is – with its distinctive corner tower and spire above its rough-faced stone body – the interior is spectacular. *[See photo, right]* Its semi-circular amphitheatre design has a horseshoe-shaped gallery above, supported on attractive iron columns. Overhead is a stunning round skylight resembling a rose window (added after a 1938 fire).

St. Anne's Anglican Church on Gladstone Ave. is a National Historic Site. A rare example of Byzantine Revival style in Canada, it features a centralized form surmounted by a huge dome. The many

interior paintings and decorative details were painted by artists including Group of Seven members J. E. H. MacDonald, F. H. Varley, & Frank Carmichael. This beautiful church is worth a tour (saintanne.ca/tours).

Some churches have lost their congregations, amalgamated with other congregations, or downsized their worship space. The 1913 Riverdale Presbyterian Church building has been converted into condos, and the smaller congregation now worships in their Sunday School wing. From Pape Ave., the exterior of the converted church building has changed very little. On the rear, balconies and large windows have been added.

The congregation of St. Enoch's Presbyterian (later United) in Cabbagetown welcomed those from Gerrard Street United, but they still could not survive past the 1960s. After serving as a community centre, the 1891 building became the Toronto Dance Theatre School. Its red brick and terra cotta continues to delight passers-by.

Other city churches have their spaces shared by several congregations with services in different languages. The 1886 Sherbourne Street Methodist Church serves now as St. Luke's United Church, Sheep Flock Korean Presbyterian Church, and Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church. The building's two colours of stone, round-arched openings, and both round and square towers make it a great example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture. Inside are memorial windows honouring Sir Joseph Flavelle & H. H. Fudger.



Jarvis Street Baptist Church

Photo: Marta O'Brien

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In my presentation, I showed several North Toronto churches. St. Clement's began as a mission of St. John's Anglican, York Mills. Its current 1920s church is in the NeoGothic style, with pointed-arch windows and rough-faced stone walls. (Its horizontal form distinguishes it from the Victorian Gothic Revival style of St. James Cathedral and others.) Blessed Sacrament is one of the largest church structures in the Archdiocese of Toronto and has a beautiful mosaic above the entrance. Near Mount Pleasant & Eglinton, St. Peter's Estonian Church employed wood construction and a gable roof with low eaves like old Estonian farmhouses. Different again is Blythwood Baptist Church with its NeoClassical elements, Palladian window and porch columns.

St Gabriel's Catholic Church is a great example of 21st-century design. Designed to reduce energy use and tread more lightly on the environment, its south façade is clear glass to harness the winter sun's energy and extend the worship space into a large garden beyond. A large cantilevered roof shields the space from the high summer sun. Among the many environmentally-friendly elements are recycled pews and carpets made partly from beets and corn stalks instead of plastics. The old church's beautiful (but energy-leaking) stained glass windows have been mounted in frames and stand in the new lobby lit from behind by clear glass windows.

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Who's Who in Mount Pleasant Cemetery?

by Doug Campbell

From time to time we will have 3 or 4 names of people interred in the cemetery who have one or two things in common, for instance a position or a business.

What do these 3 businessmen have in common?

Milton Cork
Garfield Weston
George Metcalfe

The answer is on page 8

Toronto Public Library

Gary Schlee, NTHS member, will share stories and anecdotes from his recent book, *Unknown and Unforgettable: A Guide to Canada's Prime Ministers*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase..

DATE: Tues. 8 Oct. 2019, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Northern District Library, Room 200.

REGISTRATION: No registration required.

DATE: Tues. 22 Oct. 2019, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toronto Reference Library, Beeton Hall.

REGISTRATION: No registration required.

Heritage Toronto

History of City Services plaque

Since its founding, the City of Toronto has been concerned with the safety and transportation needs of its inhabitants. Join us as we present three plaques on the history of early firefighting, policing, and public transportation in Toronto.

DATE: Weds. 16 Oct., 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Village of Yorkville Park, beside the Bay TTC entrance on Cumberland Street

REGISTRATION: <https://tinyurl.com/y699pm6o>

Heritage Toronto Awards

The Heritage Toronto Awards is the city's premier heritage event and our major fundraiser of the year. Join us in celebrating outstanding accomplishments in the field and to learn about exciting new opportunities and projects.

DATE: Monday, 28 October, 2019, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

PLACE: The Carlu, 444 Yonge St. at College

INFO: www.heritagetoronto.org

TICKETS: <https://tinyurl.com/y4dcjcoh>

Fort York

The Big Draw

Fort York has always attracted artists – amateurs and professionals alike. Even before 1800, artists such as Elizabeth Simcoe made sketches and paintings of the town and the garrison, chronicling the history of the neighbourhood and the waterfront. The fort remained a popular subject for artists throughout the 20th century. This weekend Fort York invites artists of all ages and abilities to continue the long-standing tradition of sketching and painting at this National Historic Site.

DATE: September 28 and 29, 10 am to 5 pm

INFO: <https://tinyurl.com/y2upgksw>

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Market Gallery, 2nd floor South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front Street East

Toronto Brews

Toronto has a brewing tradition that began over two centuries ago: tiny breweries in the early 1800s, industrial production, Prohibition, the modern micro-brewery movement and contemporary craft-beer culture.

Companion events include walking tours, Thursday beer nights, cooking with beer classes, and more.

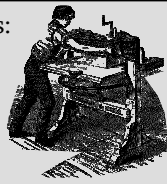
DATES: To 28 Dec.. 2019; closed Sun. & Mon.

ADMISSION: \$5.00 - \$8.00

INFO: <https://tinyurl.com/yxro9yeq>
(416) 392-7604



We welcome contributions from members: heritage events and achievements, brief articles and photographs of local history interest.



Submissions for the next Newsletter by 1 Dec. to dawsonbh@rogers.com or call 416-481-6622.

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Would you like us to remind you of upcoming meetings and heritage events with an electronic newsletter?

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Alex. Grenzebach

Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas St. W
Crossing the Line: Political Satire From 1800 to Today
Humour can be a powerful weapon to fight hypocrisy and corruption. As political cartoons critique the antics of people in high places, they inspire debate and provoke a range of responses from amusement to outrage. While playful and witty, visual humour can also be biting and cruel. Where do you think political satire crosses the line?

DATES: To 23 Feb. 2020, closed Mondays.

INFO: 416-979-6648

<https://tinyurl.com/y2zuxkcj>

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Who's Who in Mount Pleasant Cemetery?

What did these 3 businessmen have in common: Milton Cork, Garfield Weston, George Metcalfe?

Answer:

All 3 were presidents of Loblaw's. Cork was Theodore P. Loblaw's original partner.



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