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CITADEL APPEAL UPDATE -

One of the major projects this year has been the appeal to the Provincial Planning Appeal Board regarding Halifax City Council's decision to approve the Canterbury Investments (R.A. Stapells) proposal for an office building across from Citadel Hill. The appeal was launched in March, 1980, by a number of groups and individuals (including Heritage Trust, Federation of Museums, Heritage and Historical Societies, etc.).

As previously reported, the first week of hearings was held at the Holiday Inn from May 12 to 17. A total of 19 witnesses appeared on our behalf during that week.

A following two weeks of hearings began on June 17 at Keddy's Motor Inn. A further 9 witnesses gave testimony on our behalf. These witnesses included: Mr. Greg Murray, Downtown Committee Chairman; Mr. Besim Hakim, an urban designer; Professor Dimitri Procos, head of the Planning Department at the Technical University of Nova Scotia School of Architecture; Dr. Jim Morrison, an historian; Mrs. Sandra Martinello, a tourism specialist; Mr. Frank Longstaff,

a land surveyor; Mr. Doug Miller, an architect/planner; Mr. Maurice Lloyd, Director of Community Planning; Mrs. Marguerite Wagner, a resident of Annapolis Royal and member of three heritage groups in the area.

On July 25, our lawyer, Howard Epstein, submitted a 102-page brief to the Board and on August 8, a further 22-page rebuttal brief was submitted.

In conclusion, our brief noted that the Canterbury Investments proposal contravened numerous policies of the Halifax Municipal Development Plan. The brief also stated that "if Market Place Plaza is built in its present form, an irrevocable precedent will have been set" and that "the trend towards and years of planning for low-scale buildings around the foot of Citadel Hill will be overruled". The brief's recommendations included: a) that the building conform to the height of the roofline of the School Board Building; b) that the existing view from Citadel Hill not be impaired, and that the vista up George Street be maintained; and c) that the design of any building on the site be compatible with the heritage buildings on Brunswick Street, and the Old Town Clock.

The Board is not expected to bring down its decision for some time because of the substantial amount of evidence that must be reviewed.

NOTE: Anyone who would like a copy of our brief, please send \$10 (to cover printing costs) to Heritage Trust of N.S., along with your name, address and a note requesting the brief.

The campaign to raise funds for the appeal has gone well. To date, approximately \$4000.00 has been raised through donations. More money is still needed, however, because of the length of the case. If you would like to donate now, please send your contribution to Heritage Trust Citadel Appeal Fund. All donations are tax-deductible and receipts will be issued.

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A number of letters of support were received. A sampling of these follows:

Although we are so far away we wanted you to know that we are still concerned about development in downtown Halifax and with this small donation want as much of what we treasure to be there for us to see when we do get home! Keep up the good work. We were delighted to read in the last newsletter that the St. Paul's addition wasn't allowed to go through.

Sincerely,
Aleah Lomas
Canadian Embassy
Peking, China.

April 13, 1980

The Colchester Historical Society at its regular monthly meeting unanimously agreed to support your appeal against the erection of any high-rise building which would obstruct, or spoil, the view of Halifax Harbour from Citadel Hill. A token donation from the Society to help defray the expenses of such an appeal is enclosed.

Citadel Hill and Halifax Harbour, because of their Historical significance, do not belong to the people of Halifax alone, but to all of us who are vitally interested in the preservation of our Heritage.

We wish you wholehearted success in your endeavours.

Cordially yours,
Pearle F. Dow,
Corresponding Secretary
Colchester Historical Society and
Colchester Historical Museum.



We are writing at this time to express our opposition to Canterbury Investments Ltd., who are proposing to construct and complete an office building directly across from Citadel Hill. We feel that this structure would destroy the true, natural beauty of the Citadel, the view of the Central Harbour as well as blocking the view of the Old Town Clock.

Since the Tupperville School Museum is a non-profit organization, we are unable to send funds to support your cause. However, we do send you our support

in this letter, with the hope that this project can be prevented.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Pat Francis
Vickie A. Donally
Scott Whitman (guides)
(Tupperville School Museum
RR #3, Bridgetown, N.S.)



Dear Heritage Trust - We can only hope and pray that you succeed in preventing this terrible thing.

Sincerely,
P. Feltmate.



DID YOU KNOW -

Heritage Trust office, now located at 1579 Dresden Row, is on the top floor of a building built in 1832 by Garrison Commander Col. John Burton, one of a row of five built for his five daughters?

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IRVING ARCH LOST

The Irving Arch, the last of the 18 historic arches along the Halifax waterfront dating back to 1830, has disappeared - sadly - from the scene.

Demolition by order of the Waterfront Development Corporation levelled the structure in the early morning of Saturday May 31, 1980, despite protracted efforts to preserve the arch.

The Heritage Trust was in the forefront of the preservation effort. Douglas Price, President, in a public statement reminded us that "the value of some of these buildings may be difficult to measure in economic terms, but it is evident that, once lost, they cannot be replaced at any price."

ANNUAL MEETING -

The annual meeting of Heritage Trust was held on Thursday, June 19, 1980, at the Nova Scotia Museum.

Following are some of the highlights of the meeting:

New Members: For the period November 1979, to June 1980, there were 27 new members - nine through gift certificates.

Publications: Recent publications, "N.S. Heritage Colouring Book", and "Lakes, Salt Marsh and the Narrow Green Strip", are selling well.

All other publications continue to sell, with "Founded on a Rock" selling nearly 100 copies during the past year.

Program: No addition to report as circulated. Thanks were expressed to Pam Collins, who has completed her term as Program Chairman.

Concerts in Historic Settings:

Lorne Rozovsky explained financial details of past concerts and projected future needs. The Sadie Bronfman Fund was contacted and will provide \$1250.00, if this amount can be matched locally. Mr. McKee has approached the provincial government and several businesses in regard to this. Most businesses have their funds committed for this year. Mr. Rozovsky noted that the Sadie Bronfman Fund has rarely been asked to donate funds to the Atlantic Region.

Amendments to By-Laws circulated with the notice of the annual general meeting, were approved.

New Slate of Officers and Board Members as submitted by Nominating Committee was approved at the annual general meeting, and has been circulated, with the addition of two members to the Board of Trustees - Lucille Stewart, retiring in 1982, and Doris Butters, retiring 1983.

Donation: Dorothy J. Campbell made donations to the Trust of a needlepoint tapestry of "The Griffin" designed by Dr. Donald MacKay, and transparencies of "The Griffin". These will be kept at the Public Archives until such time as the Trust has a permanent building.

Meeting closed with a few remarks from the new President.



NOVA SCOTIA BOOK OF DAYS - A Calendar of the Province's History.

It is almost impossible to write a review of this book, for to pick it up is to be immediately beguiled into fascinating browsing, and time glides by as one is absorbed in this marvelous calendar of the events - momentous, curious, tragic, or hilarious - of our Nova Scotia history. The index at the back of the book will defuse many an argument: when was the Town Clock installed on Citadel Hill? When was that "worst" snow-storm you remember? Have we ever had earthquakes?

Miss Shirley Elliott, Legislative Librarian since 1954, and a long-time member of Heritage Trust, has been asked many a challenging question in the course of her duties, and the "when" questions were among the most elusive. Many hours at home, and many during late night sittings of the Assembly went into tracking down the answers. The results of all this patient research were recorded in special files, and many people who had occasion to be grateful for their existence urged their publication. The idea of a calendar patterned after that famous reference tool Chambers's Book of Days naturally appealed to a reference librarian and so the book took shape. And a delightful book it is, with its charming illustrations facing every calendar page, and the apt quotations heading every month. Stephen Slipp, a senior student at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design gave material assistance in the design and layout

The Nova Scotia Book of Days should be in every home and classroom, and will be a vade mecum to everyone seriously interested in Nova Scotia history. It is available at the Nova Scotia Government Bookstore and most of the other bookstores in Halifax. Paperback edition \$6.

Maud Godfrey.

THE REV. HERMAN and MRS. CAMPBELL
HONOURED -

Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society held a banquet last spring to honour the work of the Rev. Herman and Mrs. Margaret Campbell on behalf of the Society and their community.

Mrs. Barbara Annis, a director of the Society, spoke warmly of the Campbell's many contributions to the Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society. She recalled that they were charter members and both served the Society in various executive offices. They were involved also in the work of moving the Giles Saltbox House to the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm, and they organised the Ecumenical Services at the Cole Harbour Meeting House and the Rogation Services at the Heritage Farm.

Margaret Campbell presents all proceeds from the sale of her book, A Tale of Two Dykes, to the work of the Society, and was chairman of its active fund-raising committee as well as being instrumental in starting the successful newspaper recycling project at the Farm.

Alice Lantz and Robie Strum, Society members, organised this delightful event in honour of the Campbells and special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tulloch, Centreville, and Mr. and Mrs. Evatt Bishop, Cole Harbour.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR -

from: The West Hants Historical Society, Court House, Windsor, Nova Scotia, P.O. Box 177. Apr.16,1980.

Dear Editor: In going through your March edition of The Griffin, I notice on page 6 reference to Convocation Hall, Windsor.

Although the accompanying sketch is not captioned, I gather that it relates to the Hall - while it appears to be a sketch of Hensley Chapel looking in a southerly direction.

Our Society does enjoy your publication, with its timely topics and current happenings in the Heritage field. Yours respectfully, R.E. Meuse, Pres.

CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Regional History Committee of the Canadian Historical Association wishes to announce that it is soliciting nominations for its 'Certificate of Merit' Awards. These Annual Awards are given for meritorious publications or for exceptional contributions by individuals or organizations to regional or local history.

Nominations should be sent before November 15, 1980, to:

MS. MARGARET CONRAD
ACADIA UNIVERSITY
WOLFVILLE, N.S. BOP 1X0.



Extracted from a presentation made by Mr. W.D. Fowlie at a public hearing concerning St. Paul's Church:

HALIFAX FROM 1917 ON -

In 1917, Halifax was a fairly compact city, bounded on the West by Oxford Street, on the North it spread almost to the beginning of the Narrows, while on the East it was bounded by the Harbour. Dartmouth had not expanded beyond the limits of a circle of a mile radius having as its centre the Ferry Terminal. Where the Nova Scotia Light and Power powerhouse now stands was a pretty wooded section with a few summer homes.

On the West side of Oxford Street, there was a sign saying that this was the Rosebank Estate and that it was a restricted area and no house could be built there costing less than \$5,000. There were very few houses there and practically all the lots were vacant. Where the fine homes now stand at the Chain Rock end of Francklyn Street, the disused Old Penitentiary was still a commanding feature of the landscape. There was no Simpsons or Eatons and Westmount was still waiting to become Halifax's first Airport.

The City's two hotels were the Queen and the Halifax, both situated side-by-side on Hollis Street. There was no radio broadcasting, no TV, no motorcars and practically no paved streets. The aroma from months of thawing horse manure in the early Spring had to be smelled to be believed. Quinpool Road between the Willow Tree and Oxford streets was a sea of mud several inches deep in rainy weather and was then only

crossable at cobblestone crossings placed at the intersections. It was another fifteen years before the first sections of highway were paved, these being the ten miles out to Bedford and the similar distance to Johnston's Cabins on the Bay Road.

What did we do in the evenings? Well - we came into Town. Barrington Street sidewalks were so jammed with people that it was difficult to make progress. There were good shows - a stock company at the Academy where the Maritime Telephone now has its office. There were weekly changes of variety at the Strand and at Ackers - the former is now the Neptune, while Ackers was immediately opposite. The cast used to stay at the Glendinning on Hollis Street; I remember taking one of the girls there after the show. There was another variety show on Jacob Street but I must have missed that one.

But there were no shows open on Sundays and tennis was not permitted at the Waegwoltic or at any of the Church tennis clubs. In summer one could go canoeing or swimming but rain, cold winds or fog often made these forms of recreation unattractive. Besides, the rules of the Waegwoltic required the ladies to wear stockings with their bathing costumes and even we men had to have a sort of apron attached to the front of ours, but after that cold Arm water had hit you it was really just a useless appendage - the apron I mean!

There was no Symphony and Dalhousie was limited to two buildings and I cannot remember it providing entertainment for the general public. So on Sundays we flocked to Church - not only at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings, but again at 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings.

Fortunately we had an efficient street-car service made possible by the compactness of the City. Besides, its fares were comparatively reasonable. On weekdays, workmen's tickets usable before 8 a.m. were eight for a quarter, while ordinary fares were four for a quarter. The plows on the street-car tracks were practically the only snow removal apparatus used throughout the winter.

So each Sunday morning, the two centre aisles of St. Paul's were filled ten minutes before the service was due to commence. The wardens had to tactfully direct those running it close to be content with the unfashionable side aisles. As far as I can recall, St. Paul's had a Sunday School of nearly two hundred' and good use was made of the Hall, not only for Sunday School but also throughout the week, for I remember various theatrical ventures, and Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. St. Paul's was definitely the centre of the religious Anglican Life in our City ...

By 1960, we were beginning to feel the effects of the emigration to the suburbs and each year since this becomes more accentuated. Clayton Park, Chain Rock, Westmount, Dutch Village Road, Fairview, Spryfield, the Sackvilles, Bedford, Colby Village, Timberlea and the Bay Road - each development taking its toll ...



OBITUARY

ISABEL BROWN -

As Heritage Trust members reconvene for the new season, all will be saddened by awareness of the loss of Isabel Brown who died on July 22nd.

Mrs. Brown was a long-time member of the Trust and always an enthusiastic member who gave herself generously in each of the many offices she filled and tasks she undertook. We shall miss her smiling face as she filled in for some absent report-giver or helped with the refreshments after a meeting. The Executive will miss her thoughtful reports on Public Hearings. She was the Trust's presence at a great many Public Hearings because she believed in the Trust's mission to protect our heritage and gave her time freely to represent us and to gather information for us.

One of Isabel's last tasks on our behalf was to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. As she said when approached, she was delighted to serve. Her wide friendship among Trust members, and her experience as Trust Secretary for many years, made her a most effective committee member. She also made an outstanding contribution as a member of the Book Committee and was its secretary until the time of her death.

The Heritage Trust is only one of many organizations which will miss Isabel Brown's cheerful, generous presence. The Children's Hospital, the Museum, Oxfam, and many others will suffer for loss of one so dedicated to the service of her community.





The William Hastie House



Among the officers elected for the 1980-81 term, are the following:

- President:
MR. IAN F. McKEE
- Vice-President:
MRS. JOYCE McCULLOCH
- Secretary:
MISS EDITH CLARE
- Treasurer:
MR. HUGH DAKIN
- Program Chairman:
MRS. HILARY GRANT
- Membership Chairman:
MRS. MURIEL HATFIELD

FALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Thurs. September 18/80 - 8 p.m.
 Speaker: SCOTT ROBSON, Curator of Historic Buildings and Furnishings, N.S. Museum
 Subject: "Looking at Nova Scotian Quilts, 1819-1980".

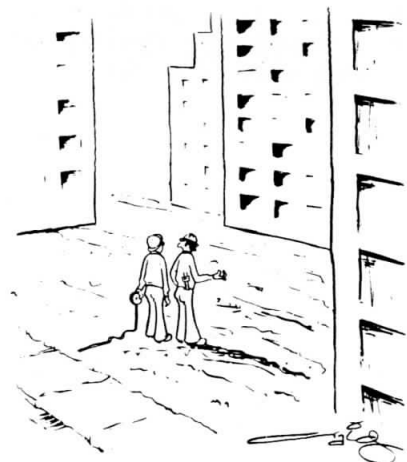
Thurs. October 16/80 - 8 p.m.
 Speaker: SUSAN MARKHAM, M.A., at present setting up Provincial Parks for the Alberta government.

Sat. October 25/80 -
 Set aside this day for the HOUSE TOURS being organized by Elizabeth Pacey.

Sat. November 15/80 -
 ANNUAL DINNER and WORKSHOP - detailed information to follow.

Thurs. November 20/80 - 8 p.m.
 Speaker: DR. ALLEN PENNEY.
 Subject: "Clifton House, Windsor, Home of Thomas Chandler Haliburton".

Monthly meetings are held at 8.00 P.M. in the auditorium, N.S. Museum, 1747 Summer Street.



Craig/Montreal Gazette

"We can't build here—there's no landmark to knock down!"