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PROGRAMME NOTES -

Heritage Trust meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 8.00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer St., Halifax, N.S. New members are always welcome.

April 15, - William Plaskett, Vice President of the Lunenburg Heritage Society, will give an illustrated talk on "The Architecture of Lunenburg"

May 20 - Conducted Tour of S.S. Acadia, moored behind the new Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Trust member Tim Randall will give a short talk on the history of the ship.
As we shall be climbing ladders sensible footwear is recommended!
We meet at 7.00 P.M. (instead of the usual time) in the Maritime Museum on Upper Water Street, at the foot of Sackville St.

June 17 - Annual General Meeting. Showing of slides from the most recent Trust tours.

PHYLLIS BLAKELEY - PROVINCIAL ARCHIVIST -

The Griffin is happy to learn of the appointment, as of April 1, 1982 of Dr. Phyllis Blakeley as Nova Scotia's Provincial Archivist.

Born in Halifax, the elder daughter of Cecil Pearson and Clara McLearn Blakely, she was educated in the public schools of Halifax and at Dalhousie University where she graduated in 1942 with a Bachelor of Arts degree with distinction in English and History. After obtaining a degree in education, she began a teaching career in Halifax. She became a research assistant at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia in 1945, the same year she received a master's degree at Dalhousie in Nova Scotia history after studies with Dr. D.C. Harvey, then Provincial Archivist. She was promoted to assistant archivist in 1959.

Dr. Blakeley had been appointed as associate archivist for the Province of Nova Scotia in October 1977, in recognition of her long service at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia both as an archivist and historian. In May 1977, Dalhousie University had conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws degree for her assistance to researchers and her writing career in Nova Scotia history and biography

Dr. Blakeley has been active for many years on the executive of the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, an organisation of which she is a charter member, becoming president from 1976 to 1978. She is also a charter member of the Archivists Association of Canada, a member of Zonta International, and also belongs to the University Women's Club, and the Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Authors Association and is on the editorial advisory board of the Dalhousie Review, the

Historical Records Committee of the Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces, and the Council of the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia.

In August 1969 Dr. Blakeley received a certificate from the Canadian Government "on behalf of the Canadian people to record our thanks for a generous contribution to the preservation and enrichment of Canada's historical heritage". In 1973 she was awarded a Canada Council travel grant to do research in Britain on Samuel Cunard, subsequently publishing a major biography on Cunard in Volume IX of the Dictionary of Canadian Biography. She has written a number of biographies for this series, for which she is the consultant for Nova Scotia.

In December 1978 she was made a member of the Order of Canada and in September 1979 elected a fellow of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society. In April 1981 she was nominated by the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia for the 1981 Cultural Life Award, and on June 4, 1981 at the Learned Societies Conference at Dalhousie University, the Canadian Historical Association presented to her a "Certificate of Merit" for exceptional contribution to regional history of the Atlantic Provinces.

Her reading public has included a generation of Nova Scotian school children who first developed an interest in their history through her textbooks, notably Nova Scotia - a Brief History.

Archivist, historian, educator, editor and community worker, Dr. Phyllis Blakeley has devoted her life to the exploration, preservation and dissemination of Nova Scotia's history and heritage. She has demonstrated a remarkable grasp of the history of her native province and has earned a far-reaching reputation for her meticulous scholarship.



IS A RIGHT TO SUNLIGHT A DEFENDABLE HERITAGE?

If you installed a solar system in your home hoping it would reduce heating costs, what protection could you have against the construction of a high-rise building whose shadow would render your solar panels useless? A major work on the subject, Legal Aspects of Solar Access in Nova Scotia is now available. Susan Holtz and Blair Mitchell researched the matter under contract with the Nova Scotia Law Foundation.

You can buy a copy for \$7.50 from Ecology Action Centre, Forrest Bldg. Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., B3H 3J5.



PROVINCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON HERITAGE PROPERTY -

The Nova Scotia Heritage Property Act, which provides for the identification, preservation and protection of the buildings, streetscapes and areas of Nova Scotia deemed to have heritage significance was assented to by the Lieutenant Governor on June 5, 1980.

The Act, among other things, established an Advisory Council to recommend to the Minister responsible for the Act, action regarding heritage matters and to advise on heritage properties to be included in a Provincial Registry of Heritage Property.

By the end of December, 1980, eight members had been appointed to the first Advisory Council: renowned Dartmouth artist, Tom Forrestall; two local Halifax businessmen, George Piercey and Gordon Thompson; Federation of Nova Scotian Heritage Executive Director, Elizabeth Ross; Legal Advisor to Council of Maritime Premiers, Charles MacIntosh; Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Fitness, Louis Stephen; Director Beaton Institute of Cape Breton Studies, Dr. Robert Morgan; and well-known promoter of Heritage Preservation, Commander Evan Petley-Jones, (Ret.).

The Province of Nova Scotia can be proud of the work to date, of this Advisory Council and taking into account the challenging task it has been given, is very pleased with the progress made in its first year.

During the summer of 1981 the first provincially organized inventory of heritage properties in Nova Scotia was undertaken at three separate locations. As a result of these surveys, almost 700 properties are now recorded in Antigonish, Sydney and throughout the Annapolis Valley.

The Council is currently making recommendations to the Minister on examples of significant provincial heritage resources which might be considered as initial inclusions in the Provincial Registry of Heritage Property.

Municipalities throughout the Province under terms of the Heritage Property Act are establishing their own Advisory Committees responsible to make recommendations to their Council on buildings which might be included in Municipal Registers. All municipally registered properties will eventually be considered for the Provincial Register.

There are hundreds of heritage properties throughout Nova Scotia which are living reminders of the rich history of this Province. As the implementation of this important Heritage Property Act continues, Nova Scotians can be assured that their heritage birthright will be maintained for generations to come.

(by Hon. R. Fisher Hudson, Q.C.,
Minister of Culture,
Recreation and Fitness).



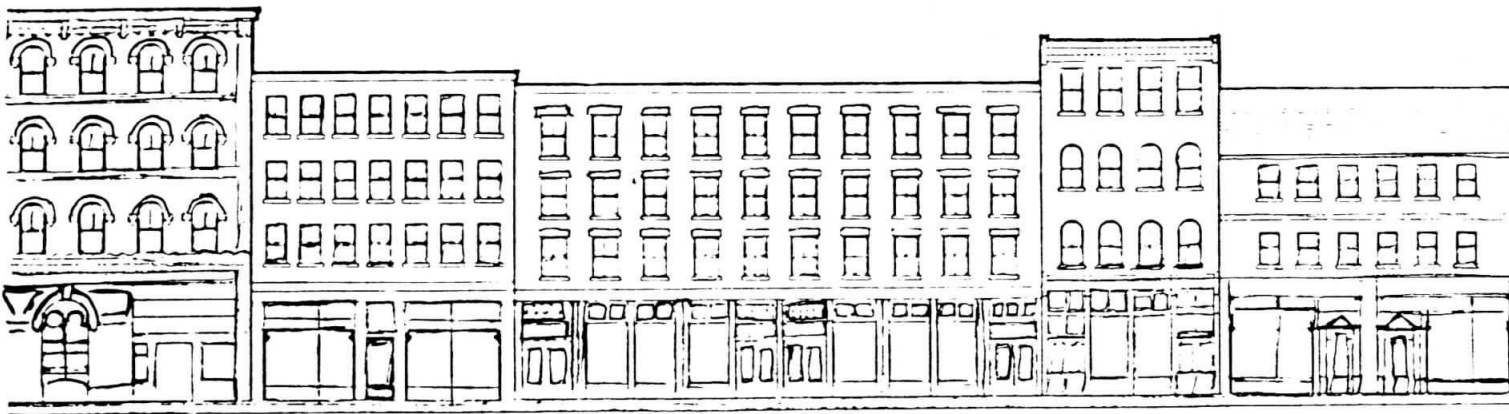
PRINCE AND HOLLIS BUILDINGS

PRINCE STREET -



GELDERT BLDG. NOVASCOTIAN BLDG. HEFFERNAN BLDG. MONTREAL TRUST BLDG.

HOLLIS STREET -



MONTREAL TRUST BLDG.

STEAM-PRESS BLDG.

VICTORIA BUILDING

HUNTER BLDG.

LENOIR BLDG.

PRINCE & HOLLIS BUILDINGS DESIGNATED -

For many years the Heritage Trust has advocated the preservation of the Prince and Hollis Buildings in downtown Halifax.

The buildings, as a group, display the transition in architectural styles in early Halifax, from the Georgian symmetry of the Lenoir Building, the city's oldest commercial structure, to the solid, brick mid-Victorian Hunter and Victoria buildings, to the Italianate elegance of the former Montreal Trust Building. The buildings played an important role in the history of the Province. Fourteen newspapers had their offices in the buildings. In the Steam Press Building on Hollis Street, Jonathan McCully led the struggle for Confederation, while Joseph Howe and William Annand, in the Novascotian Building on Prince Street, opposed it.

The Prince and Hollis Buildings are the last group of pre-Confederation buildings in the downtown; their historical and architectural merit, both individually and as a group, is unquestioned. Just as the Historic Properties buildings represent our sea-faring traditions, these buildings symbolise Halifax's political and cultural history.

In the 1970's, Heritage Trust made various representations to the Provincial Government so that the buildings would not be demolished. In 1976, the Trust published the booklet of historical sketches about the buildings, entitled The Prince and Hollis Buildings.

Since 1977, the buildings have been listed, after detailed evaluation, in the City's heritage resources report; all subsequent studies have confirmed that the buildings should be retained. As well, the buildings are listed under Schedules III.3 and IV.1 of the Municipal Development Plan.

Recently, the eight Prince and Hollis Buildings were officially designated by Halifax City Council under the Provincial Heritage Property Act. Now, it is to be hoped that the Provincial Government will take advantage of this great historical resource and restore the buildings.



FUNDS NEEDED !

HELP RESTORE ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
AUBURN -

Built in 1790, St. Mary's Anglican Church at Auburn is one of Nova Scotia's, and indeed Canada's, most beautiful and historic churches. Its simplicity of style and classical details, particularly its magnificent spire, make St. Mary's a veritable work of art.

At 2 a.m. on September 20, 1981, St. Mary's beautiful steeple was struck by lightning. Four volunteer fire departments came to the rescue and saved the church from total destruction. However, the top of the steeple was damaged. Please help restore this Georgian steeple to its original beauty with your contribution. Special, old-fashioned wooden shingles which must be dipped in water and bent to fit the spire are needed. Naturally, it is difficult for a small congregation to bear the added expense of such shingles.

Make cheques payable to:

The Rector, Wardens & Vestry
of the Parish of St. Mary's

and mail contributions to:

P.O. Box 177
Berwick, N.S., BOP 1E0

NEW RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION FOR
DOWNTOWN -

Many readers of The Griffin will be interested in an organisation recently formed in Halifax, The Downtown Halifax Residents' Association.

Howard McNutt, President of the organisation, said "We see the group acting as a focal point for concerns of those living in the downtown core". He indicated that the downtown core is seen as extending from Scotia Square to Inglis St., and from South Park St. to the waterfront.

"With more and more people living downtown, changes are required to reflect the new uses of older structures, and to accommodate the new resident's needs for everything from parking to police services".

The group has been very active in lobbying the control of the newly-emerging street prostitution problem on Hollis and Barrington, and McNutt was very complimentary regarding the Mayor and Police Department attention to this potentially serious situation.

Most recently, the Association organised a very effective citizen lobby at the Public Meeting to discuss the proposed extension of the Central Business District boundary.

Mr. McNutt states, "this Council motion is very hasty and designed to circumvent the Municipal Development Plan for the City, by realigning a boundary rather than reviewing the Plan, just to allow two office towers to be constructed five years from now. There is such a rush to move on this that there has not even been an opportunity for City Staff to advise Council". He further stated, "Our Association only asks that a Detailed Area Plan be developed for this last undeveloped area of the Halifax Waterfront."



ONE COBBLESTONE STREET ?

One of the suggestions of the Downtown Halifax Residents' Association is that Halifax expose at least one stretch of Historic Cobblestone Street. Association President Howard McNutt said, "Halifax still has miles and miles of cobblestone, all covered up with pavement for over 30 years. Quebec and Montreal, for example, have uncovered large areas of cobblestone and the effect on restored areas is terrific!"

"Bishop Street would be a good choice. It is very short, little used, and runs alongside one of the more attractive buildings in Halifax - the Lieutenant-Governor's residence."

The big problem of course, is the cost of stripping off several layers of pavement and re-aligning curbs and driveways. Beleaguered city budgets can ill-afford this sort of project. Mr. McNutt appeals to readers of The Griffin for advice on sources of funds. Any ideas out there? If you have, please contact:

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429-9663 (res.)
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PUBLICATIONS -

Following a suggestion made by one of our Board members a year ago Heritage Trust joined the Atlantic Publishers Association. This will give more exposure to our books as the Publishers Association sends about 50 book exhibits a year throughout the four Atlantic Provinces. They also publish a catalogue listing and annotating books by all publishers who are members of the Association. This catalogue has a wide distribution to book stores and to public, university and school libraries.

Members of the Publications Committee of Heritage Trust -

- Mr. Philip Hartling (Chairman)
- Ms. Pauline Hildesheim
- Mrs. Cora Greenaway
- Mrs. Ian MacLeod
- Mr. John MacLeod
- Ms. Karen Smith
- Ms. Mary Ellen Wright
- Mr. Arthur Carter

is reproduced an original manuscript, such as a census, which is of particular interest to family and local history readers. Book reviews complete each issue.

Lois Kernaghan, formerly of the Archives staff, is the literary editor and manuscripts should be sent to her in care of the Public Archives. Upon request she will provide a guide for writing articles for the Review.

Subscriptions cost \$7.50 per year and can be obtained by writing to:

Nova Scotia Historical Review
Public Archives of Nova Scotia
6016 University Avenue
Halifax, N.S., B3H 1W4.

(Brian Cuthbertson,
Managing Editor,
N.S. Historical Review)



Nova Scotia Historical Review-

The Nova Scotia Historical Review began publishing in 1981 as the successor journal to the Nova Scotia Historical Quarterly. It is published by the Nova Scotia Archives with the financial support of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness.

The Review comes out twice a year, June and December, and publishes articles on Nova Scotian history with emphasis on family and local history. Articles in the issues so far published include: "The Town of Yarmouth: 1867 and 1923", "Early Money in Nova Scotia: A Short History of Currency, Exchange and Finance", and "George Tatrie: A Nova Scotian Pioneer from Montbeliard. In each issue there

ETHEL BAKER MARTELL -

The Trust lost a valued, long-time member on December 26, 1981, in the death, at age 96, of Mrs. Ethel Martell. Mrs. Martell was always keenly interested in all aspects of Nova Scotia heritage. Her knowledge of the history of Nova Scotia houses and her joyous enthusiasm, made her a delightful companion on many a Trust tour over the years. Mrs. Martell was active in several local organisations, notably the Halifax Antiquarian Society, the I O D E and All Saints Cathedral. She will be widely missed.

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