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A Message to our Readers

The Rupert's Land Colloquium, May 26-29, in Kenora, Ontario, is rapidly approaching. We have a remarkable program with about 55 presentations on myriad Aboriginal and fur trade topics: Aboriginal oral histories, arts, and material culture; fur-trade and Native personages and their records and lives as traced through journals, account books, and archaeology; new studies of apprenticeship, trapping, Metis women artists, Grey Owl, Hiawatha pageants—the list goes on. Five countries and over 20 universities and other institutions are represented. The preliminary program is presented in this Newsletter; warmest thanks to all involved, and especially to David Malaher and Cory Willmott, and to Coryna Sidebottom in our office for their months of planning, juggling and e-mailing to make it all come together. Registration information and forms are available from our office and at http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academic/ic/rupert, as well as in this mailing.

As with Colloquium papers from 2000 and 2002, those authors submitting papers promptly in the format requested, will have their papers compiled by David Malaher in a volume to be printed in the early fall (if you have format questions please contact david@malaher.org). The Colloquium registration form offers a chance to order this book at a special prepublication price.

The special boat trip from Kenora to Fort St. Charles on Sunday, May 30, filled up rapidly and has a waiting list. As voyagers must cross the US border, passports are required, and we must supply customs officials in advance with a list of all those crossing. The Friday and Saturday afternoon field trips are included in your registration. For all the trips, dress comfortably and be prepared for a wide range of temperatures and weather; but we should be ahead of the blackflies and mosquitoes!

Now that many people have pre-registered, we are working to help with carpooling for those offering and requiring car transport from Winnipeg to Kenora on the afternoon of Wednesday May 26; registration and the reception at the Lake of the Woods District Museum start at 6:00 pm that day. If you can offer a ride to passengers, or if you need car transportation, please contact the Rupert's Land office as soon as possible with your offerings or specific travel information (time and place of arrival in Winnipeg). Please indicate or update your specific needs, or what transportation you are able to offer to fellow participants. Chauffeurs will no doubt appreciate contributions to car rental and/or gas costs; we leave those arrangements to you.

We shall do our best to facilitate contacts between chauffeurs and passengers. Once contacts are made, we leave the specific pick-up and meeting arrangements to them. Please look at the program for people you may know; if you are able to make your own transportation arrangements directly with other participants, without our help, that will be the simplest approach. (But please inform us if you find you no longer need our help, or if your car has filled up.) Be sure to check when your chauffeur plans to return to Winnipeg; it may be anytime from Saturday evening to Sunday evening, and some juggling of rides

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may be necessary.

Note that Maureen Dolyniuk's column of News from the HBC Archives announces an exciting new initiative to receive and house the papers and records of fur trade scholars. She will present further details about this initiative at our Members' General Meeting at the Colloquium. We also anticipate some discussion about the future of the North American Fur Trade Conferences, and about Colloquium meeting possibilities for 2006.

We are pleased to draw your attention, in this newsletter, to new books by some of our members. And please take note of two fall meetings of groups of interest to many of us: the American Society for Ethnohistory in Chicago, and the 36th Algonquian Conference in Madison, WI. Unfortunately their dates, 28-31 October 2004, are in direct conflict! Rather than print their announcements and calls for papers in detail, I refer you to their web sites. For the Algonquianists, go to: http://www.umanitoba.ca/ Algonquian. For Ethnohistory, go to: http://ethnohistory.org.

The University of Winnipeg anticipates with great pleasure the arrival on May 1 of Lloyd Axworthy as our new President; Patrick Deane, to whom our Centre reports, will continue as Vice President Academic and will assume the position of Provost. The University of Winnipeg Foundation is developing lively initiatives to foster support for many University activities; and we are delighted that Foundation representatives will be attending the Colloquium. We are at a turning point, I believe, and your interest and contributions play an essential role in fostering our work and demonstrating the breadth of our constituency and our wide range of support. Your

memberships (renewals [\$20] now due for 2004—check address label for your current year), and any added donations you care to make (by cheque payable to the University of Winnipeg) play essential roles in maintaining the Centre, the Newsletter, and our Colloquiums and publications.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Kenora. Who can match the trajectory of our biennial Colloquiums—from Winnipeg/ Norway House (1998), to Vancouver, WA (2000), to Oxford, UK (2002), and now to Lake of the Woods? — Not to mention all our earlier venues from Stromness, Orkney, to Whitehorse, Yukon!

Jennifer S.H. Brown Director, CRLS

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Proposed Changes to Services Offered at Rocky Mountain House

Parks Canada at Rocky Mountain House has recently announced proposals for significant changes in the visitor services there. In their announcement Parks Canada highlights three changes —

- Removal of the Visitor Centre with its reception area, exhibit hall, theatre/workshop, washrooms, a Friends retail shop, and administration offices.
- Installation of new and improved self-guiding media; and
- Elimination of the site admission fees

The exhibits are described as "aged and out-of-date" and not reflecting messages of national historic significance. Parks Canada is considering displaying some artifacts in the town of Rocky Mountain House 7 km away from the historic Saskatchewan River site. RMH was opened in 1979 and has deteriorated over the years. The current visitor centre needs exten-

sive repairs to the walls and roof,

the toilets have filled to capacity and need complete replacement, and drinking water must be brought in because the local water does not meet national health standards. Meanwhile, annual public visitations have dropped to 10,000 since an admission fee was implemented in 1995.

When this note is read by CRLS members the March 15 deadline for comments to Parks Canada will have passed. Nevertheless, it will continue to be worthwhile to address queries to Hon. David Anderson, Minister of the Environment. Letters to the minister are always useful! As well, you might cc. the same letter to Cristina Cameron, Director General of Parks Canada in Ottawa at Christina.Cameron@pc.gc.ca

A copy of the full text of the PC handout is available by e-mail from the CRLS office at ruperts.land@uwinnipeg.ca

David Malaher

NEWS FROM

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY ARCHIVES

Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Culture, Heritage and Tourism Minister Eric Robinson and Deputy Minister Sandra Hardy welcomed the Hudson's Bay Company History Foundation (HBCHF) board of directors at a special reception celebrating the 10th anniversary of the company's contributions to Manitoba through the HBCHF at the Archives of Manitoba on April 5, 2004.

The recipients of HBC's gifts are the Archives of Manitoba, the Manitoba Museum, and Canada's National History Society (The Beaver magazine). During the last decade, the HBCHF has contributed \$18 million to Manitoba to support the work of the Archives, Museum and History Society.

The HBCHF's ongoing financial support has made the following achievements possible for the Hudson's Bay Company Archives:

Improved Facilities

Improvements have been made to the storage facilities to house and protect the records. This has included the construction of a three floor vault space with state of the art environmental control equipment, a visual storage area for tours, improved existing storage for documentary art, controlled storage for maps, and a cold vault for both audio and visual media in various formats. The HBCHF also contributed to a major renovation of the Archives of Manitoba Research Room to improve workflow and accessibility for the public and staff.

Keystone Database Development

A major initiative of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives and the Archives of Manitoba has been the purchase and-development of a database management system through Minisis, Inc. The database will be accessible and searchable on the Archives of Manitoba web site in the spring 2004.

Internship Program

HBCA hosts two University of Manitoba/University of Winnipeg Joint Master's Program History/ Archival Studies student interns annually. The Internship Program is considered a core element of the university program, allowing the students to apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical setting with a world class collection of records. The program is also training archivists who will care for records of the future and is making a significant contribution to the archival profession.

Service to the Public

HBCA has provided quality service to the public by responding to onsite and remote inquiries, by publishing information on the web site, through microfilm Inter-Library Loan and through promotion and outreach programs, making the resources known and accessible and across the globe. In the last ten years HBCA has supported more than 25,000 visits from researchers onsite, responded to more than 20,000 remote inquiries, and circulated 10,000 reels of microfilm through Inter-Library Loan.

Future Plans

As HBCA looks to the future we are excited about the opportunities it presents to continue the work of the archives and embark on new partnerships and projects. Here are a couple of developments that are on the horizon for HBCA:

Fur Trade Story Project

HBCA will partner with Canada's National History Society and the Manitoba Museum to produce A Fur Trade Story, a web-based digital learning resource created for secondary teachers about the life and times at Hudson's Bay Company Fur Trade posts. Using selected primary and secondary resources from our respective institutions, we will assist students to recreate and learn from the situa-

tions of fur traders, their families, and native peoples and to help them develop research and critical thinking skills. This new resource is expected to go online by September, 2005.

Acquisition Program

The Hudson's Bay Company Archives invites scholars of the fur trade to consider donating their records to HBCA. This new area of acquisition would constitute a centralized archive for the intellectual history of the fur trade. Acquiring records of fur trade scholars who have used the records of HBCA and participated in scholarly conferences and exchange will unite in one location the papers of researchers, original sources, and publications relevant to that history. Appraisal criteria for this new area of acquisition and procedures for preparing records for donation are being developed. For further information, please contact Debra Moore, Head, Acquisition and Special Media, Hudson's Bay Company Archives at 204 945-2529 or dsmoore@gov.mb.ca.

Hours

Researchers are encouraged to check with the Archives before planning a visit.

Winter hours (mid September to Mid-April):

Tuesday to Saturday, 9:00-1600 (April, 17 last Saturday)

Summer Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00-16:00 beginning April 19

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Hudson's Bay Record Society Volumes 31-33: Primary Sources for Western Canada

[The Centre for Rupert's Land Studies holds the remaining stock of the last three HBRS volumes published in 1977-1981. Shirlee Anne Smith, former Keeper of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, here provides an appreciation of these important works, often neglected because of the demise of the HBRS in 1982. Please note below a Special Offer on them for our readers.]

The Hudson's Bay Company established the Hudson's Bay Record Society to publish primary documents from its rich Archives. The first volume appeared in 1938. Thirty-three volumes were published in total. The last three were published in Canada in 1977, 1979, and 1981. Owing to the recession in the early 1980s the Company discontinued this distinguished series.

When the Company announced its decision in 1973 to transfer its Archives from London to Winnipeg, a number of changes had to be made regarding the future of the Hudson's Bay Record Society. A Canadian editor, Hartwell Bowsfield, was appointed. Ten specific titles of records were set aside for the exclusive use of the Society, and the volumes were to be published in Winnipeg. Professor Bowsfield took special interest in initiating the publication of post-1870 documents, especially those relating to the development of Western Canada. Fortunately, this had recently become possible, as the Company had announced in 1970 that it was opening up its Archives to the year 1900.

The three volumes published in Canada and still available from the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies are:

Vol. 31. The Letters of Charles John Brydges 1879-1882, intro. Alan Wilson, 328 pp., intro. lxxxiv pp., maps Vol. 32. Fort Victoria Letters 1846-1851, intro. Margaret Ormsby, 277 pp., intro. xcix pp., maps

Vol. 33. The Letters of Charles John Brydges 1883-1889, intro. J.E. Rea, 380 pp., intro. lxxxii pp., maps

The introductions are substantial contributions by well-known historians who were specialists in the relevant subjects. All volumes have footnotes (not endnotes) and are scrupulously indexed.

The 1880s were a momentous period for Western Canada and the Company. Charles Brydges was the Company's second Land Commissioner. There was stiff competition with the Canadian Pacific Railway for land sales, a task made more difficult by the fact that Brydges was being undermined by Donald Smith, the Company's first Land Commissioner and later its Governor.

Brydges' letters to the Governor and Committee in London are detailed and candid. Here is a modern executive trying to move a monolithic company into modern methods of transport, research, development, advertising, and growth in the retail section. Brydges graphically described the excitement of colonizing the 'New West'; but he also had concerns with the rapid pace. In April 1882 he expressed alarm to HBC Secretary William Armit about the large number of immigrants arriving in Winnipeg - about 3,000 in one day (vol. 31, p. 242). The developments in that decade had critical implications for the Aboriginal peoples in the region.

Brydges recognized the significant opportunities in the country and clearly foresaw the Western cattle market. Writing to Armit in October 1883 he stated:

Hitherto Winnipeg has been entirely supplied with the meat which it consumes from the United States and Ontario, and the consequence is that meat has been at a very high price. From the increase which I notice in the number of cattle throughout the Country and the attention which is being paid to that department of farming it is clear that in a very short time, Manitoba and west of it, will supply the meat which now is purchased to the east of us (vol. 33, p. 73).

Brydges had an easy readable style of writing. His enthusiasm and his vision for Western Canada with more transport routes, improved agricultural methods and reliable immigrants, are what some Chief Executive Officers are still trying to accomplish.

Fort Victoria Letters 1846-1851 presents the outward correspondence from James Douglas, the

senior member of the Board of Management for the Columbia Department, to the Governor and Committee in London. This volume carries on the record of the Company's operations on the Pacific Slope from HBRS vol. 7, McLoughlin's Fort Vancouver Letters 1844-46.

The opening letter contains the unsettling information of the final settlement of the Oregon Boundary, which Douglas hopes is untrue. There are numerous references to Northwest Coast Indians, including the Douglas treaties and the murder of three English seamen by the Newettie tribe. Douglas had strong views on how to deal with the native tribes. "For my own part," he wrote, "I am decidedly opposed to Indian wars, as desperate remedies which should never be resorted to, until all other means of settlement have been tried in vain" (vol. 32, p. lxxviii).

Douglas's management skills were tested to the utmost as he coped with the changes on the Pacific Coast, including the California gold rush,

David Thompson Bicentennial Committee



The year 2007 has been designated as the beginning of a major international commemo-

ration of the contribution of fur trader and surveyor David Thompson to the exploration, mapping and settlement of North America. A cross-border committee of well informed, enthusiastic followers of David Thompson has been formed for the purpose of organizing commemoration events in his honour. The principal officers are:

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coal mining at Fort Rupert, and the changing expectations of the Company's employees. All readers concerned with colonial and Aboriginal history in the Pacific Northwest will find this volume to be a significant documentary source.

The Hudson's Bay Record Society volumes are now collectors' items. As the former Keeper of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives I am grateful that the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies is able to offer for purchase the remaining inventory of these three volumes. They are one of the Company's best 'for sale' items.

Shirlee Anne Smith

We are pleased to offer to members and to Colloquium 2004 registrants a special offer in the two-volume set of the Brydges correspondence 1879-1889: \$50.00 for the set.

The Fort Victoria Letters volume is available at \$30.00.

We also have a limited stock of HBRS vol. 29, Governor Simpson's Letters to London, 1841-42, available at \$50.00. Please see order form in this Newsletter.

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The Committee plans to organize events around the five activities for which Thompson is well known:

- Writer
- · Scientific Explorer
- Cartographer
- Naturalist
- Fur Trader

The Windermere District Historical Society erected a 1 ½ life-size bronze casting monument of David Thompson and Charlotte Small in a community park in 2003. Over the past four years the group managed to raise \$120,000 through government grants and fundraising.

In a recent announcement, the province of British Columbia has identified the BC side of the Howse Pass, Blaeberry Trail, as the David Thompson Heritage Trail.

Many more projects similar to these examples are expected to be adopted by communities in the US and Canada over the next few years, according to the Committee. Bill Peterson will be speaking to the Colloquium in Kenora to bring the latest news of the Committee's plans. Both Bill and Bob Sandford will be attending the Colloquium and they are looking forward to meeting others who have a keen interest in commemorating David Thompson.

Book Review

A New Book on the Early Naturalists of Hudson Bay. Reviewed by Roland Bohr, Department of History, University of Manitoba

Stuart Houston, Tim Ball and Mary Houston. *Eighteenth Century Naturalists of Hudson Bay*. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2003. Cloth, \$49.95. 333 pp., illus., appendices, references, index.

From the time of its earliest operations in North America the Hudson's Bay Company had an interest in observing weather conditions, plants and animals in its territory, because such knowledge was vital to its success and safety. Therefore, it encouraged its personnel to record such information. These records, preserved in post journals and ships' logs, provide some of the earliest and longest series of such observations in North America.

Stuart Houston, Tim Ball and Mary Houston focus on the men who recorded these observations, presenting short biographies of Alexander Light, James Isham, Humphrey Marten, Andrew Graham, Thomas Hutchins, Moses Norton, Samuel Hearne and Peter Fidler. They also provide a wider context for the work of these men by describing the beginnings of natural history and climatology in Europe.

Some of the seven appendices are especially useful. In appendix C, Stuart and Mary Houston analyze the ten HBC manuscripts of Andrew Graham and Thomas Hutchins. The Houstons also prepared a valuable 44-page glossary of Cree names for natural history species with the help of Arok Wolvengrey and Jean Okimasis. In Appendix D, Stuart Houston reviews the literature on the ten-year cycles of abundance and decline of hare and lynx

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Louis Bird Keynote Speaker at Aboriginal Conference

On March 23rd and 24th, 2004 Omushkego Elder Louis Bird was the keynote speaker at the "Ku Ke Nah Language: Learning Language On-Line" conference in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Organized by the Keewaytinook Okimakinak, and coinciding with a quarterly Keewaytinook Okimakinak Chiefs' Meeting at the same venue, the conference brought together First Nations Language educators from many Aboriginal communities with organizations already using Internet resources to promote key cultural and health issues for First Nations people. The two-day conference allowed participants to experience a diverse sample of what resources have been developed with current technology, and to network and discuss the possible future for the Internet in preserving and promoting language and culture in their own communities.

Louis Bird set a positive tone for the conference with his description of the "Our Voices" project. Outlining its foundation in his desire to preserve the stories and culture that were disappearing even thirty years ago, his collection of stories from Elders of his own community, and the development of an online resource, Mr. Bird concluded with the project's future and ongoing plans. Mr. Bird's speech was well received by an appreciative audience. Following the keynote address, the conference connected through the Internet to videoconference with Teanau Tuionon, the Online Editor of a vast Internet resource, the "Te Kete Ipurangi (TKI) - The Online Learning

Centre", New Zealand. The site is based on a 1998 New Zealand government document "Interactive Education: An Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Strategy for Schools", as well as 1987 official language legislation. Mr. Tuionon outlined the considerable online resources available to New Zealand teachers of Maori through extensive web resources and related links. His presentation suggested a number of ways in which the Internet could be used to support Aboriginal language development and retention in Canada.

In the afternoon a similar videoconference was arranged with Maori University in New Zealand, and during this Internet conference Mr. Bird asked about the orthography used to render Maori. The remainder of the afternoon was spent touring Internet sites closer to home. A total of nine presenters demonstrated the ways in which their organizations were making use of the Internet to enhance their cultural and educational goals. Presenters included Alphaplus Centre Web-based Learning Environment, an Ontario literacy initiative, a fascinating virtual trip down the Severn River developed by the Washaho Cree Nation, K-Net, and G8 Supplementary Courses Program Online, designed to support students making the transition from grade eight into senior years. The NAN Decade for Youth Website and Noojmowin-Teg Health Portal, both offer information and resources relative to health and social issues, while Ontario First Nations Technical Services provide a virtual career fair

site. The Seven Generations Education Institute Native language Curriculum site includes interactive materials and website links to enhance traditional language teaching and paper-based curriculum. Wawatay News Online offers a digital archive of their 30 years of published newspapers. They are currently developing educational resources to compliment this important storehouse of culture, history and language.

The first evening of the conference was wrapped up with a banquet that included both the Chiefs and conference participants. Louis Bird offered the prayer at this, as well as at the opening of the conference. After dinner, Don Burnstick, a comedian from Alexander First Nation just outside of Edmonton, Alberta, entertained the assembled audience. The second day of the conference included break-out groups on topics such as "Developing a Standardized Syllabic System", "Creating & Maintaining Webpages/Homepages", "The Kuh-kenah International Gathering: Sharing Knowledge about Indigenous Language and Culture", and "The Importance of Language and Culture".

Keewaytinook Okimakanak is an umbrella organization of six First Nations from North Western Ontario, and the sponsor of the Kuh-ke-nah Network of SMART First Nations (K-Net). This network links First Nations and related service organizations through broad band Internet Services, including Schoolnet Services through this infrastructure.

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populations, as first documented by Peter Fidler. Changes in Aboriginal hunting culture are also documented. While Aboriginal people hunted waterfowl in limited numbers with traditional weapons before contact, fowling pieces, powder and shot made it possible to kill up to a dozen birds at once. This enabled the harvesting of waterfowl on a commercial scale and a substantial trade in swan skins and swan and goose quills, which were in high demand in Europe as linings for winter clothing and as writing utensils, but nearly drove two of the migratory swan species to extinction (appendix E).

The book contains rich detail on the documents presented, for instance an HBC directive for curing and preserving

swanskins, but offers little information on Aboriginal uses of the plants and animals described by the naturalists of Hudson Bay. Readable and attractively presented, it is an important new source for natural history and contributes greatly to our understanding of the major achievements of these HBC observers of the 1700s.

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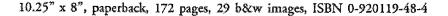
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The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society Presents

Lake Superior to Rainy Lake:

Three Centuries of Fur Trade History

Edited by Jean Morrison



he focus of Lake Superior to Rainy Lake is the fur trade along Northwestern Ontario's southern margins, the Voyageurs' Highway from Lake Superior to the Manitoba border. Spanning over three centuries – from the French era to the 21st century – the book covers such aspects of North West Company and Hudson's Bay Company history as fur trade rivalry and relationships, trade goods and transportation logistics, mixed-blood families and daily life, and the strategic roles of Michipicoten, Fort William and Rainy Lake. It concludes with a brief look at issues facing the fur trade since 1900.

The writings of academics and post-graduate students, of professional researchers and keen amateurs are gathered here. Together they give us a new understanding of the significant role this part of North America played in the development of an important industry. Culled largely from journals and government files, these articles and reports together make a noteworthy contribution to the literature of the Northwestern Ontario fur trade.

"Jean Morrison performs an admirable job of weaving together the research of a variety of writers to present a fascinating look at how the Canadian fur trade affected the evolution of Northwestern Ontario. Her latest work is a welcome contribution to the history of this region and a timely celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Great Rendezvous, and the 30th anniversary of Fort William Historical Park."

Sergio Buonocore, General Manager, Fort William Historical Park

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