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CFHA Newsletter

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New Journal Format

The Canadian Quaker History Journal has taken another step forward in its evolution. Born as the Canadian Quaker History Newsletter in 1972, this publication changed its name in 1990 to reflect the slowly changing nature of its content; over time, more and more articles on Quaker History were being published. This year, it was decided to divide the publication in two parts: a newsletter which could be issued on a frequent basis to provide timely information to the CFHA's members; and secondly, a larger, better illustrated, bound Journal issued just once a year. Economies of scale allow us to produce this larger journal at no extra cost.

New Membership Rates

The CFHA has a Christmas present for its members. Membership rates for Institutional Members and General Members have each been dropped by \$5. The new annual membership rates are \$15 for Institutional Members, and \$10 for General Members. The Senior and Student category (previously \$10) has been combined with General Membership.

The lowered membership fees reflect the Association's healthy financial position, and a desire to broaden our membership base.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the CFHA held Saturday, 12 Sept. 1998 at Hay Bay Church, Adolphustown.

Present: Christopher Densmore (chair), Sandra Fuller (secretary), Kathleen Hertzberg, Ruth MacLean (treasurer), Albert Schrauwers, Jane Zavitz-Bond, Jim Adamson, Susan Bax, Una Beer, Elizabeth Block, Everett Bond, Elaine Bourke, Bill Bourke, Dan Broughton, Pearl Cann, Ann Corkitt, Albert Dorland, Irene Goodman, David Holden, Joyce Holden, Dorothy Jolly, Norman Jolly, Dorothea Kitley, Robert Kitley, Arthur McClelland, Rosemarie McMechan, Elizabeth Moger,

Canadian Friends Historical Association
Unaudited Interim Financial Statement for the Year Ending 31 Aug. 1998

Receipts	1998	1997	Fav (unfav)
Memberships	2311.35	1174.00 ¹	1137.35
Donations	538.00	735.00	(197.00)
Premium on US Exchange	334.45	29.00	305.45
Interest	156.60	97.00	59.60
Publication Sales	142.00		142.00
Other credits	5032.19		5032.19
Total Receipts	8514.59	2035.00	(6477.59)
Disbursements			
Publications	630.95	327.00	303.95
Mailing costs	466.16		466.16
General expense	521.20	623.00 ²	(101.80)
Bank fees	37.14	18.00	19.14
Term Deposits	5000.00		(5000.00)
Total Disbursements	6655.45	968.00	(5687.45)
Surplus (Deficit)	1859.14	1069.00	790.14
Bank Balance³			
Opening	4868.38	8,800.15	
Closing	6727.52	4,868.38	

Notes:

This is an unaudited interim financial statement prepared to keep members informed of the CGHA's financial condition.

1) This figure did not include some 35 cheques which went uncashed due to the difficulties of the new treasurer in assuming his duties. We requested that these cheques be reissued, which was reflected in the 1998 financial statement.

2) It was not possible to audit the particulars of these expenses to determine which category they belonged in. Some minor expenses may also have been deferred to the next financial year as a result of the treasurer being unable to assume his duties.

3) The Bank balance does not include one redeemable term deposit for \$5000, one year, maturing January 29, 1999. Anticipated interest \$167.50.

Interim Membership Report

	SR	GM	ILM	Life	Hon	CEX	Comp.	Total
1996	54	33	22	17	3	3	15	129
1997	53	33	32	18	1	3	15	137
1998	54	45	32	22	0	3	9	153
Change	1	12	0	4	(1)	0	(6)	16

(SR=Senior; GM=General; ILM=Institutional & Library; Hon= Honorary; CEX=complementary exchange of journal; Comp=Complementary copies sent to bodies such as CYM archives, and the National Library).



Past-Chairperson Kathleen Hertzberg (right) and friend examine the exhibits at the Wellington Museum

Joan Page, Tom Silvester, Joyce Sowby, Carl Stieren, Winnifred Tanner, Barry Thomas, Jo Vellacott, Gerda von Bitter, Joy Weaver, Carol Williams.

Regrets: John Burtniak, David McFall, Allan McGillivray.

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

1. **Opening remarks**

C. Densmore welcomed those assembled for the annual meeting. This date and location was selected to recognize the establishment of Adolphustown Meeting in 1798. John Burtniak, David McFall, sent regrets that they could not be present this year. A card for D. McFall will be signed by members.

2. **Memorials**

Friends were asked to remember the lives of those who have died in the past year: Stan Gardiner who acted as treasurer and membership secretary of CFHA for many years and who indexed the *Journal*; Bertha Pollard who shared information about Friends in Norwich; Nancy Pocock who worked for peace, especially in Vietnam, and welcomed many refugees; Ed Bell whom many remember as a model Friend.

3. **Approval of minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting (25 October 1997) were approved.

4. **Agenda Review**

There were no new items to be added to the agenda.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

5. **Report of Chairperson**

Chairperson, C. Densmore reviewed progress in the work of the Association since the 1997 annual meeting, and noted that the executive members are open to suggestions as to the direction CFHA should take in the next several years.

Changes and improvements in CFHA undertakings, recommended by the executive and supported by the 1997 annual meeting, are under way. More time is being devoted to events at CFHA annual meetings with visits to historic locations, and less time devoted to events at Canada Yearly Meeting which is already overbooked. In 1972, the CFHA communication to members consisted of 2 pages. Work on publications is now being separated into several Newsletters for information, and one larger edition of the Journal. *Faith, Friends and Fragmentation: Essays on 19th Century Quakerism in Canada* published in 1995 has had a second printing. C. Densmore brought sample pages for CFHA's ongoing project, a Quaker Heritage Directory (see later in the newsletter).

Although Friends' meetings had been held in the Quinte region before 1798, that date marked the beginning of structured meetings at Adolphustown. After Rufus Hall had visited Friends from Kingston to Prince Edward County in 1798, he felt that Friends needed nurturing and wrote an Epistle to Adolphustown in 1799. It was in 1799 that the formal establishment of Pelham and Black Creek Meetings was reported to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Very little has been written about this area until recently (see Greg Finnegan's article in *Faith, Friends and Fragmentation*).

In addition, 1998 marks the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights Convention at Seneca Falls, New York State.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Ruth MacLean provided an unaudited interim financial statement for the year ending 31 August 1998. She reported a bank balance of \$6,727.52 plus a \$5,000. certificate which matured 24 Dec 97. Income is derived from memberships, sale of publications, and some interest.

7. **Membership Report**

R. MacLean reported that memberships had risen from 137 (1997) to 153 (1998). K. Hertzberg mentioned that we should be thankful to Ruth for taking over this work in mid-stream. As a clarification of the relationship between CFHA and CYM, it is not a requirement to be a member of Friends to join the Association. All who are interested in Quaker history are welcome. However, the Association needs to retain a close connection with Quakerism.

8. **Liaison report**

D. McFall submitted a report regarding CFHA liaison with other historical organizations, particularly with meetings of the Metro Area Heritage Group.

9. **Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives Report**

CYM Archivist, J. Zavitz-Bond, reported that the oldest records in CYM Archives are from Adolphustown. It is clearly stated in Friends' Discipline that records are to be handed in to CYM Archives. CYM Records Committee is providing solid support for Quaker research in Canada. This year, a new computer will be purchased so that the Archives will have the advantages of the internet. She has been asked to speak at a number of historical meetings, in particular at the Ontario Genealogical Society's annual meeting and seminar at London ON in May 1998. Researchers, both academic and genealogists, find information on a variety of topics and produce interesting responses. Several researchers spent time in residence; Robynne Rogers Healey studied women's place in community, and Elaine Bishop collected information on aboriginal peoples in Canada. A nice spin-off is that many researchers give permission to publish articles in the CFHA Journal. The records of the Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC) continue to be processed through a matching grant from the Canadian Council of Archives. The CYM Ad Hoc Committee to study the CYM Archives reported to CYM, August 1998. A new committee has been formed to discuss continuing arrangements

with Pickering College. Many duplicate books from New York Yearly Meeting library have been forwarded from Swarthmore College Library to the CYM collection.

10. **CFHA Publications**

At the 1997 annual meeting, the decision was taken to publish one issue of the Journal which would suit academic pursuits, and one or more Newsletters which could address general concerns, especially those of genealogists.

The Journal will be larger, better illustrated, and bound, rather than stapled. It will contain articles of historical interest, Canadian Quaker biographies, book reviews. The focus of the 1998 issue of the Journal will be the 200th anniversary of the founding of Adolphustown Friends meeting in 1798, and the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights Convention at Seneca Fall, NY in 1848.

CFHA's publication, *Faith, Friends and Fragmentation: Essays on Nineteenth Century Quakerism in Canada* was printed in 1995 with 200 copies, and has recently had a second printing of 50 copies. It has been advertised in *OGS Families*, and offered for sale by OGS. A CFHA brochure should be inserted in FFF.

The CFHA web page on the Internet has received 1,500 visits, with some requests for additional information about Canadian Quakers, genealogy, and the Association.

Approximately 400 copies of the CFHA brochure are distributed each year. A new printing of 1,200 copies is being done by Argenta Press.

Appreciation was expressed to A. Schrauwers for his work.

11. **Quaker Heritage Site Directory**

C. Densmore brought several draft sheets of sites (Adolphustown, Ameliasburg/Hillier/Wellington, Green Point, West Lake/Bloomfield) for comments and corrections. Sample pages will be sent out with the Newsletter. The executive committee has discussed methods of completing this ongoing project. It was decided that it would be best to publish the directory in part, starting with West Lake, Pelham, Yonge Street. Provision should be made for a second layer of information - e.g. a survey of Uxbridge Township brought some 3,000 entries. It was agreed that a qualified researcher should be paid to advance the project towards completion. Could it also be part of a doctoral dissertation? As well, people who would like to work on local sites could be encouraged to participate. Robert Kitely offered to work jointly with others via the internet. The annual meeting authorized the executive to proceed with the work of preparing the directory for publication by allocating financial support, as available and appropriate, to support the project, and to meet any expenses which it deems essential.

12. **CFHA activities**

In addition to activities at CYM which is already sufficiently busy, CFHA should make other opportunities for exchanges of information. People generally don't want to travel distances for short meetings; it is better to have longer, in depth sessions. The use of the word, "pilgrimage" might be misleading; another word (e.g. visit) is more inclusive. CFHA should take a look at what has been done in the past. A visit to Pelham and Black Creek in 1999 should include a tour of sites in Niagara peninsula. It could also stress the international aspects of the region.

13. **CFHA Annual Meeting, 1999**

In recognition of the 200th anniversary of the formal establishment of a Friends' meetings at Pelham and Black Creek, the annual meeting will be held in 1999 in conjunction with a visit to that area. Executive committee is to investigate facilities in Niagara Region and make appropriate arrangements. Notice of meeting should also be forwarded to *The Canadian Friend*.

14. **Report of Nominations Committee**

A. Schrauwers gave the report of the Nominating Cttee. Realizing that with the consent of those concerned, CFHA wished to retain the good working relationship of the present executive. K. Hertzberg suggested including some persons from the Maritimes (possibly David Newlands), and the Prairies (possibly Rose Anne Moore), subject to their consent

and the approval of the meeting.

The names of those who have agreed to serve as administrative officers and members of the executive committee in 1998-99: honorary chairperson - Peter Brock; chairperson - Christopher Densmore; past chairpersons - Kathleen Hertzberg; vice-chairperson - Jane Zavitz-Bond; recording clerk - Sandra Fuller; treasurer - Ruth MacLean; executive members - John Burtniak, Allan McGillivray, Albert Schrauwers; members at large - Doris Calder, Elizabeth Moger, Arnold Ranneris, Winnifred Tanner. Auditor - Norman Jolly. Liaison with heritage groups - Norman Jolly. Publications - Albert Schrauwers and Jane Zavitz-Bond. The nominating committee for 1999 will be K. Hertzberg, Ruth MacLean, Elizabeth Moger.

15. **Information Exchange**

- Christopher Densmore, Jane Zavitz-Bond, Sandra Fuller, Kyle Jolliffe attended the biennial conference for Quaker Historians and Archivists at Baltimore, Maryland, in June 1998. The next conference will be in 2000 at Richmond, Indiana.
- 1998 marks the 150th anniversary of the first Woman's Rights Convention at Seneca Falls, New York. Chris Densmore spoke on the Quaker origins of the convention at Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College, PA, in March 1998, at the National Women's Studies Association meeting in Oswego, New York in July 1998, and on other occasions. A brief version of Densmore's lecture at Swarthmore appeared in the *Friends Journal*, July 1998, entitled "The Quaker Origins of the First Woman's Rights Convention".
- During the War in Vietnam, as clerk of the Canadian Friends Service Committee, Kathleen Hertzberg was active in securing medical aid for Vietnam. She was one of the guest speakers at "Friends and the Vietnam War: a Gathering for Recollection, Reappraisal, and Looking Ahead", a conference held at Pendle Hill Quaker Centre, Pennsylvania, 16-20 July 1998.
- Sandra Fuller received an Achievement award from the Ontario Heritage Foundation through its Heritage Community Recognition Program 1998 in appreciation of her heritage conservation work to preserve, protect, and promote the province's heritage. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Afternoon session, Saturday, 12 September 1998

Luncheon: Adolphustown Township Hall

Bus tour: After departure from Picton parking lot, we visited Prince Edward County Court House where Prince Edward County Archives is located. David Taylor, President of Prince Edward County Historical Society, gave a talk on its history. Next, we went to Bloomfield where the present day owner welcomed us to view the interior of his house which was formerly the Friends' Boarding School (1841-1867) at West Lake. At Wellington Museum (formerly Wellington Friends Meeting House (1885-1967) we viewed exhibits of local history, especially Quaker displays. Visiting the Chadsey building (possibly the location of a Quaker meeting) and nearby cemetery provided us with a pleasant walk through country laneways. The owner of Talcott house (1862) invited us in to see curiosities - her brick bake-oven, and curved door moulding. Nestled amongst tall trees, we found the cemetery at Bloomfield awe-inspiring. Other sites pointed out on our travels were Tara Hall where one of the Dorlands lived, the Dorland house, the Cronk house, the White house. Upon our return to Picton, we enjoyed a quick trip to the Crystal Palace.

Dinner: Tip of the Bay Motor Hotel & Restaurant

Speakers: After diner, we heard from three evening speakers who addressed us under the title, "Immigration and Influence: Quakers on Amherst Island, Prince Edward County, and Beyond":

- Una Beer: "Women in the Bible Christian Ministry and the Debt to Quakerism"
- Tom Silvester: "The Quaker Settlement on Amherst Island"
- Jo Vellacott: "Two Tales from Seneca Falls"



From the Dorland Room...

by Jane
Zavitz Bond

A Paradox - The Wonder of Communication(s): The World Changes, Yet Remains the Same!

No matter how technology, or the world, changes there are 'glitches' in the system. That has always been true, whether for smoke signals or satellites. The spiritual and physical spheres of experience are related; whatever the message, we must be able to both hear with our ears, read with our eyes, and understand the words and thoughts with our minds and our hearts. To speak or write is not enough, others must be able to receive the message. The ear may be deaf; or experience may lead the receiver to interpret the words differently than the speaker/writer/ sender intended.

How does this relate to the Dorland Room of the Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives? We now have a new computer which ties us to the 'world' by way of the net and email. Technology will allow us to communicate and work even when we are not actually present at the Archives. CFHA members are encouraged to take advantage of this technology and "consult" the archives, even if you can't visit in person.

Our collection is continuing to grow to serve your needs whether it be genealogy; history of the Religious Society of Friends; social history of a local or international scope regarding education, peace, human rights, theological beliefs; writing fiction from a historic setting; or even the setting for a film. All create a greater wholeness in the knowledge and understanding of the searcher. The young student in elementary school is as welcome and important to us as the post doctoral inquirer over time.

One can not begin the search too soon, nor continue too long! Every new piece of understanding brings a particular joy. For the ability to dream and envision begins with memory.

The Archives is a storehouse of memory for those who access it. Some recent researchers include Elaine Bishop, now in Glasgow, Scotland, working on Quaker's relationship to First Nation's land claims; with ties to social justice and comparison to indigenous peoples in Scotland. This is an interesting approach with new implications.

Heather Murray, Victoria College, University of Toronto, is preparing a book on literary societies in 19th century

Ontario. She used the Young Friends Review for a chapter on the OLIO society at Coldstream. Robynne Rogers Healey continues her doctorate work on Quaker women and community-building in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Undergraduate and masters's students also rely on the Archives for resources. The Master's program in public history at Waterloo, headed by Dr. Heather McDougall, are collectively researching on the Sharon Temple and the Children of Peace. The student group visited the Archives in August and some returned in October. You can read the fruits of much of this research in this issue of the CFHA Journal.

Craig Hollingshead, short listed for the Governor-General's 1998 Canadian fiction award, called for background material for a new book, and then encouraged his family to make an August pilgrimage to the Archives as part of a North American reunion of the family. I spoke about the life their family would have led as part of Yonge Street Meeting. They toured Pickering and Sharon where they had ties. Earlier the Doan Family Reunion heard about their Quaker heritage near Sparta at the Yarmouth Meetinghouse.

...Which leads us into the Quaker Historians and Archivists Conference at Stoney Run Meetinghouse in Baltimore, Maryland, June 21-23, 1998. Over 100 people gathered for papers and discussions. Sharing is rich and gives us nurture in our field. We have copies of the papers from this and the Oakwood Conf. in '96 thanks to Maryellen Chijioke at Swarthmore Friends Historical Library. The next conference is June 2000 at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.

Sandra Fuller works one day per week at the archives on the Canadian Friends Service Committee record inventory, organization and conservation program. Genealogical queries also continue to come. Ronald E. Peterson appreciated Barbara Smith's assistance with the Willson family tree search as a result of the last Newsletter. You may also be able to help Kenneth J. Thornton find Quaker refugees fleeing from Charleston, South Carolina, to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in 1783; Rea Pennock who is searching for Quaker Pennocks in Victoria Co., ON; Lynette Martin looking for information about a Mr. Vaught and a Mr. Morrison in Chungking, China, at the end of WWII, as she researches a biography of Friends missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Baguley, from Britain. These queries are outside our records and your help would be appreciated. The next Newsletter will have more genealogical searches underway.

If you wish to email the archivist at home, we trust there will be as few 'glitches' as possible: my email is janezb@net-com.ca. Let us hope that the marvels of communication will continue, and that we can continue to understand one another and share our riches in resources. Letter, phone, - or carrier pigeon! All carry messages. Keep in touch.

Good wishes for the New Year,
Jane Zavitz-Bond