

Newsletter

CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



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INTRODUCING THE ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to announce that the inaugural meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association was held at the time of the Canadian Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, at Pickering College, Newmarket, Ontario, on August 19, 1972.

It was a pleasure and a great help to have Edward Phelps, Chief Librarian of the Archives of the University of Western Ontario, London, present at our Meeting. He is in charge of the Quaker Collection which is housed at the University of Western Ontario. From the report of the talk which he gave, you will note that there is new interest in Quaker history in Canada, and a lot of work to be done to make the Quaker Collection more complete both by the inclusion of original historical records and material, and by micro-filming. The Canadian Friends Historical Association is asking all Friends Meetings, individual Friends and others interested, to help actively in this task. We would suggest the following ways in which Meetings could assist in this work:

- 1.) Make the Canadian Friends Historical Association known in your Meeting and encourage Friends and others to join,
- 2.) Ask interested Friends to ascertain the whereabouts of the records (Minute books, etc.) of your local Meeting and other Quaker materials, so that they may be made available for deposit in the Quaker collection or for micro-filming,
- 3.) Maintain continued interest in the history and in the up-dating of the history of Quaker settlement in your district and of the Quaker Meeting,
- 4.) Comment on the draft Constitution of the Association.

We believe that the organisation of the Canadian Friends Historical Association is a new step in the life of Quakerism in Canada. We hope that it will provide more complete records of the history of the past and of history in the making and thus supply source material and inspiration for further study of Quakerism in Canada.

A number of individual Friends who are concerned to see the Quaker Collection become more complete, have been and are actively working on this task. The newly founded association will rely heavily on their work and



needs very much the active participation of our Meetings and members, and interested people across Canada through the channel now available to us. The Association can only be of service to the extent to which we all participate.

We look forward to hearing from you soon, and to receiving your membership. Membership fees are \$5 for general members, \$2 for students and persons 65 years old or older.

Kathleen Hertzberg, Chairman
Grace Pincoe, Recorder

This Newsletter has been
reissued on May 4, 1973.

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