

Service des archives du CUSB



Two of the eleven rows of records at St. Boniface College archives.

The *Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface* (CUSB) can trace back its roots to as early as 1818 with the arrival of Father Norbert Provencher. The institution shares a long and rich history, which is why the *Service des archives du CUSB* was established in 1976 with the expansion of the university library building. Its mandate was to acquire institutional archives and archives with francophone content. In 1982, the archivist position became vacant and was not filled until 1999. In the meantime, a very limited archival service was offered by the Head Librarian.

In 1992, the CUSB organized an important homecoming celebration called *Rassemblement du siècle*. The organizers of the event approached the Head Librarian to find a summer student who would be able to put together a historical exhibit that would interest the alumni, as well as taking on minor archival tasks. This part-time position, under the direction of a librarian, was filled until the summer of 1999 when a part-time archivist

was hired. Recently, in April 2002, the position was extended to 80% of a full-time position.

The mission of the CUSB's *Service des archives* is to acquire, conserve, treat and diffuse the CUSB heritage while making official documents accessible for research and reference purposes. Our documents date to 1922; documents prior to this date are scarce since the College was consumed by flames in a tragic fire that cost the lives of 10 people. The *Service des archives* manages over 80 *fonds*, mainly institutional based; however, on occasion it acquires non-institutional *fonds*. The Service also has a substantial collection of over 3500 photographs, which mostly depict student life.

The *Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface* archives are located on the 3rd floor of the *Bibliothèque Alfred-Monnin*. We are open from Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We invite you to visit our Web site at: www.ustboniface.mb.ca/Monnin/archives.htm.

Carole Barnabé

Feature Archive

In order to better understand our community, we would like to feature an archival institution in every issue of the newsletter. If you are interested in writing an article about your archives please send information to the AMA office. Thank you!

David Berman Workshop



Brian Hubner introduces David Berman

On February 13 the AMA, along with the Winnipeg chapter of ARMA International, presented a day-long workshop entitled “Developing Your Web Strategy” at the University of Manitoba. The presenter was David Berman, a graphic design and information technology expert based in Ottawa.

In an animated and entertaining presentation, Mr. Berman walked us through the steps involved in laying out a successful web strategy. According to Berman, the choice is “strategy or tragedy”. Poor or no planning leads to failed projects, regardless of the technical and graphic capabilities involved. Investing in strategy may be costly in the short term but it will pay big dividends in the long run.

By far the biggest chunk of the workshop was devoted to the preparation of a Web strategy charter. The charter is the key document that lists the goals and objectives of the project and outlines the various factors, both external and internal, that will affect its outcome. It becomes the key deliverable for the project, serving as a written reminder of the original intent of the project and providing a focus that keeps all participants on the same page.

In his section on “Implementation”, Mr. Berman discussed the importance of “evergreening” (ensuring that the site remains current, accurate, and relevant) and the need to continually evaluate the success of the project.

The most significant lesson that I learned from the workshop was the need for patience and thoroughness in planning project implementation. The introduction of new and innovative communication technologies will not succeed without good old-fashioned hard work and preparation.

Don Kroeker

A NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR....

At the Annual Meeting last September, AMA members ratified the proposal to align the membership year with the fiscal year. Starting in 2004 Memberships will now become due in April. Expect to see your renewal form arrive shortly.

... AND NEW MEMBERSHIP FEES

AMA members also approved a new membership fee schedule. This represents the first increase in fees for a number of years and is critical to the ongoing operation of the AMA. The new fees are:

Individual	\$ 35.00
Student/Senior	\$ 15.00
Sustaining	\$ 50.00
Associate Institutional	\$ 40.00
Institutional	
Budget	
\$0 - \$35,000	\$ 50.00
\$35,000 - \$50,000	\$ 80.00
\$50,000 - \$100,00	\$ 125.00
\$100,000 -	\$ 155.00

CMBS Director Resigns

It is with regret that Cam Rowland, Executive Director, Discipleship Ministries, Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, announced Heinrich Loewen’s resignation as director of the Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies. Heinrich has accepted the position of President at the Evangelische Theologische Faculteit (ETF) in Belgium. The ETF is a protestant theological university, which offers degrees (Bachelor, Master, and PhD) in theology and religious studies and is accredited by the Belgium government and the European Union. Heinrich will continue his ministry with CMBS until June 30, 2004.

NEWS FROM THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY ARCHIVES



The Honourable Eric Robinson, Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism presenting a gift to Harold Chmara, the Chair of the Hudson's Bay Company History Foundation

Tenth Anniversary Celebration

In 1994, the Hudson's Bay Company made one of the most extraordinary public gifts and donated the Company records to the Province of Manitoba.

A foundation, funded through the tax savings resulting from the donation, was established to support the operations of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives as a division of the Archives of Manitoba. At the same time HBC donated their artifact collection to the Manitoba Museum and Canada's National History Society was set up as a charitable organization to popularize Canadian History through *The Beaver* magazine and several award programs, including the Governor General's Award Program.

Over the past ten years, HBCHF has contributed \$18 million to Manitoba to support the work of the Archives, Museum and History Society. 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 at the Archives of Manitoba on April 5, 2004 celebrating the 10th anniversary of the company's contributions to Manitoba through the HBCHF

The HBCHF's ongoing financial support has made many achievements possible, a few of which are highlighted below:

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 showcasing the richness and variety of records for tours and education programs, 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 is a real boon for researchers and staff since it will be accessible and searchable around the clock on the Archives of Manitoba web site in the spring 2004. It houses descriptive information on the holdings of the Archives of Manitoba including, records of the Manitoba government, records of the Hudson's Bay Company, records of individuals, families and organizations, and records of all media.

Internship Program

HBCA hosts two Archival Studies student interns annually through the joint University of Manitoba/University of Winnipeg Masters Program in History. 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

The Foundation support has enabled the archives to be responsive to the public for onsite and remote inquiries, develop a comprehensive web site, maintain a microfilm Inter-Library Loan program and provide promotion and outreach programs, making the resources known and accessible and across the globe.

Maureen Dolyniuk

ONE HUNDRED YEARS IN CANADA Congrégation des Filles de la Croix

2004 marks an important event in the history of our Religious Congregation: the centenary of the arrival of the Congrégation des Filles de la Croix (Sisters of the Cross) from their Mother House at La Puye, France to Canadian soil. New Government regulations in France had placed teaching and nursing Communities in a stressful situation. Religious teaching in the schools and hospitals and the wearing of religious signs and habits were outlawed. Put in the hands of the Military, evictions were forceful and immediate. Hundreds of nuns found refuge in their Mother Houses but what was to be done? It was now 1904.

At the same time, the Western Canadian Bishops and priests were looking toward some Congregations to help establish a network of religious education among their missions. Father Beauregard fixed his sights on the Congrégation des Filles de la Croix at La Puye, France. Here was a Community with a charisma for mission activity and many knowledgeable nuns with nowhere to exercise their apostolate. Negotiations were opened with the Mother House at La Puye.

On September 26, 1904, six Filles de la Croix left family, country, language and culture and headed for a new ministry in Canada. After two weeks on the seas, they still had to face the thousands of miles of an uncomfortable overland train journey. October 12, 1904 at 2:00 PM, our six adventurers arrived at the CPR station in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

It is this event and its development over 100 years of heartfelt giving to the new Canadian mission that we celebrate with pride this year! We give praise to these intrepid missionaries and thank the Lord for this century of blessings!

Sister Agnès Breton



Abe Dueck Appointed Director of the Historical Commission

The Mennonite Brethren Historical Commission has appointed Dr. Abe Dueck of Winnipeg as its next Executive Secretary. Dueck comes to this position following 12 years of service as the Director of the Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies in Winnipeg and over 20 years as Professor and Academic Dean of the former Mennonite Brethren Bible College of Winnipeg.

The Historical Commission is responsible for fostering historical understanding and appreciation within the Mennonite Brethren

Church in the United States and Canada. It coordinates preservation of historical documents, publishes books and audio-visuals and sponsors conferences and symposia related to Mennonite Brethren History. Previous directors have been Dr. J. B. Toews and until recently Dr. Paul Toews. Dueck notes that he comes to this position with “a sincere desire to make our history as a church relevant as it seeks to fulfill its mission in the world today.” Dueck begins his new responsibilities in March 2004.

Conrad Stoesz



400 ANS DE PRÉSENCE FRANÇAISE AU CANADA

Au pays de Riel

La Société historique de Saint-Boniface

Le Centre de recherche en civilisation canadienne-française, le Centre d'études acadiennes et la Société historique de Saint-Boniface (SHSB) ont obtenu une importante subvention du ministère du Patrimoine canadien dans le cadre du Programme de culture

canadienne en ligne permettant le développement de trois sites Web francophones sous le thème «400 ans de présence française au Canada». *Au pays de Riel*, le site de la SHSB, documente la présence française au Manitoba.

Au pays de Riel met surtout en vedette des documents d'archives de la SHSB conservés au Centre du patrimoine. Les modules du site sont regroupés sous trois grands thèmes : « Les précurseurs », « Canadiens et Métis, société en définition » et « Le pays de Riel au 20e siècle ». Grâce à ces modules, l'internaute découvre l'histoire des Métis et des francophones du Manitoba depuis le 18e siècle. Principalement composés de documents numérisés, ces modules mettent en valeur les vastes richesses du patrimoine franco-manitobain et métis conservées au Centre du patrimoine.

Au pays de Riel se veut aussi un outil pédagogique et d'apprentissage pour les jeunes et moins jeunes. Grâce à des outils de recherche, le site *Au pays de Riel* donne accès à une foule d'information. Ainsi, par exemple, la base de données « Les Voyageurs » permet au chercheur de retrouver son ancêtre aventurier. La recherche des fonds d'archives de la SHSB donne, entre autres, accès aux copies numérisées d'écrits de Louis Riel. *Au pays de Riel* s'adressera aussi à une clientèle étudiante par l'ajout d'un volet pédagogique.

Une histoire à découvrir

<http://www.shsb.mb.ca/paysriel>



Beautiful Plains Archives

Welcome to the AMA's newest Associate Institutional member. The Beautiful Plains Archives in Neepawa is nearing its first anniversary. The agency was founded in the fall of 2003 following a public meeting held to nominate and elect a Board of Directors. The Board has been holding monthly meetings to develop plans for the Archives, which will serve Neepawa and area.

Considerable financial support has been generated from the Town of Neepawa, surrounding municipalities and the local area Foundation. A grant from the Manitoba Smart Network enabled the Board to purchase electronic equipment for a digitization project. The Board wants to establish a permanent facility in Neepawa with the Beautiful Plains Museum, placing the two facilities adjacent to one another. This can occur only if the Town is able to negotiate purchase of property owned by the Canadian National Railway. If this is not possible the Archives Board will look for another location.

Two Board members attended the AMA *Introduction to Archives* workshop recently held in Winnipeg. Discussions currently are underway with officials of local agencies regarding the care of records.

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***We want to hear
from you... Tell us
what is going on
in your institution!***



Contest Winner is revealed!

Well, as many have now realized our newsletter has a new name. We received 45 entries. Many were very creative. The committee met on April 13 and all agreed on *ArchiNews*. The committee added *ArchiNouvelles* to give a bilingual feel to our newsletter. Congratulations go out to Terry Cook. He will receive a \$50 gift certificate from McNally Robinson's. Thank you to all who entered the contest.



Reminder

Friendly reminder to all members that the AMA office is open on the following days:

Tuesday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Diane Haglund, Coordinator, is in one day a week, usually on Thursdays.

Information Tidbits...

Notice of Institutional Forum

**May 17, 2004
1:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Franco-Manitobain Cultural
Centre
340 Provencher Street**

The Forum has been called to prepare for upcoming meetings on the future of Canadian Council of Archives Programs and funding. Delegates will be asked to share their views concerning the focus of future CCA initiatives. The Forum is open to Head of Institutional Member archives or designate (one representative per institution).

To register contact the AMA office at (204) 942-3491 or ama1@mts.net

Appointment

The City of Winnipeg Archives and Records Control Branch is pleased to announce the term appointment of Martin Comeau as Junior Archivist. Martin will begin work at the City Archives on May 3.

AAO Conference

"Access and Privacy," AAO Conference 2004. 11th Annual Archives Association of Ontario conference. May 31 to June 2nd, at Queen's University, Kingston.
<http://aao.fis.utoronto.ca/aa/whatsnew.htm#conference>

You're Hired!

Carole Boily has been hired on a contract basis by the Société historique de Saint-Boniface (SHSB) to work on the preservation of 3000 negatives.