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SOCIÉTÉ POUR L'ÉTUDE DE L'ARCHITECTURE AU CANADA

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When the Society was formed in 1974, it was decided that the publication of a newsletter was necessary to inform members of the organization's activities, to provide a forum for members and to disseminate information about the study of architecture. Mr. Grant Head, Geography Department, Sir Wilfred Laurier University, agreed to create a publication and carry out editorial duties for the first year. Vianney Duschene, Le Soleil, Quebec, Quebec, offered to serve as the associate editor. Publication and mailing of the newsletter was made possible by the Canadian Committee of Unesco.

Grant Head has retired from the editorship of the newsletter and the position has been assumed by Ms. Sharon Veerman. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to thank Grant for the mighty task of bringing the newsletter to fruition and for bringing it along for its first year.

On December 13, 1975, the Executive Committee met with a number of the Board of Directors to discuss the state of the Society at midyear between the annual meetings.

The planning of the 1976 annual meeting at Laval University is well underway. The date of the meeting is May 25-30, 1976. Chairman, Claude Bergeron, has been receiving proposals for the papers to be given for this year's topic, Architecture in Canada 1885-1914. In addition to papers on architecture, there will be sessions on landscape architecture and engineering.

Text of the papers will be available to participants at the meeting. Additional copies will be available for purchase. Architectural tours are being planned for Quebec, Ile d'Orleans and Montreal. In Quebec and Montreal the tours will focus their attention on buildings of the period being considered by the sessions. The Society has received a substantial gift to establish a grant program for students who require financial assistance to attend the annual meeting. Members who wish to contribute to this fund will receive a tax deductible receipt

The Society has been in correspondence with the Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain. As a gesture of goodwill, the SAHGB has offered to waive the registration fee, normally charged to non-members, to members of the SSAC. The next Annual Meeting will be held at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland; September 16-19, 1976.

The 1977 Annual Meeting will be in late May at the University of New Brunswick. The session topic will be Transportation, Architecture and Engineering in Canada. Board Member, Professor Stuart Smith, Department of History, University of New Brunswick, has agreed to be the local chairman for the meeting. Every attempt will be made to meet as early as possible with the Learned Societies in order to avoid a conflict with Symposium 1977 which will be held at McGill University, June 7-10, 1977.

The Society and the Archives of the Rockies will sponsor a symposium, History of Log Construction in Canada at the Banff Centre, October 25-28, 1977. The meeting will consider log structures built by the native people and the various groups who settled Canada from the seventeenth century to the present. The General Chairperson of the symposium is Maryalice H. Stewart, Director, Archives of the Rockies, Box 160, Banff, Alberta, T0L 0C0. Session Chairperson is SSAC Board Member, Michael McMordie, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta. The Session Chairperson invites enquiries from members who wish to present a paper or propose other speakers.

The Society has been holding meetings with a representative of the National Gallery of Canada to discuss the possibility of the Gallery mounting a show of Canadian architectural drawings. A committee has been formed to prepare a brief which will include proposals for three different types of shows. Members of the committee are Ms. Christina Southam, Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings; Mr. Harold Kalman, Architectural Historian; Professor John Eland, Dean, School of Architecture, McGill University; Professor Douglas Richardson, Department of Fine Art, University of Toronto and myself.

The Communications Committee has presented a proposal to the Canada Council to obtain the use of Stanley House for five days during the summer of 1976 to discuss Architecture and the Media, a conference towards the improvement of public knowledge of building. The purpose of the conference would be to bring together a group of twelve people who collectively represent the chief disciplines concerned with making architecture, and those providing information about architecture to the public, to plan strategies for extending, integrating and upgrading the standards of public information about architecture and to prepare a strategy paper that will be the basis for practical action by concerned education, government and private organizations and associations. For further information contact Mr. William Thompson, Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Archives Committee, which held a five day meeting at Stanley House, New Richmond, Quebec, in August 1975, to discuss the question of collecting and storing architectural material, are presently carrying out two pilot projects in Alberta and New Brunswick. Mr. Ernest Ingles, Rare Book and Special Collections Librarian, University of Calgary Library and Mr. Roger Nason, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, are working with Archives Chairperson, Mr. Jim Knight, to consider the volume of material, relative content, date span, condition of the material, sources of other types of documentation, genealogy of architectural firms, availability of contemporary material, disposal procedures and the attitude of architects in the two provinces. The result of this work and specific recommendations will be presented by the Society to the Royal Architectural Institute of Architecture at their Annual Meeting, June 1976, in Ottawa. For further information, contact Mr. Jim Knight, Map Division, Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

In December, the Society sent the following telegram to Premier William Davies as a protest to the Ontario government's proposed demolition of the mid-nineteenth century Insane Asylum designed by John Howard and classified by the city of Toronto as a heritage building under the Ontario Heritage Protection Act:

"Demolition of 999 Queen is an outrage, this building has the greatest architectural and historical significance to Toronto, Ontario and the country. We expect government to have the vision and ability to protect our patrimony with every means possible. Until this is done with 999 Queen your government will stand accused of wanton destruction."

As of January the Ontario government has decided to continue demolition.

Membership Chairperson Mathilde Brousseau announced that in December the membership of the Society had reached 250. A notification for the 1976 dues has been mailed out. I look forward to your continued support and participation in the Society.

Yours truly,

Martin Eli Weil  
President

SSAC ANNUAL MEETING

DEUXIEME CONGRES ANNUEL  
SECOND ANNUAL MEETING  
Université Laval, Québec  
du 24 au 30 mai 1976  
from May 24 to May 30, 1976

THEME: Les années 1885-1915 au Canada  
The Years 1885-1915 in Canada

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LUNDI 24 MAI  
MONDAY, 24 MAY

Inscription  
Registration

8.00 p.m. Réception (Pavillon De  
Koninck, salle 3244)  
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Koninck, room 3244)

MARDI 25 MAI  
TUESDAY, 25 MAY

9.00 a.m. Séance de travail:  
"Urbanisme et architecture"  
Session: "Town Planning  
and Architecture"

Donald C. Kerr, Univ. of  
Saskatchewan, "Psychology  
of the Boom Era--1909-1913  
in Saskatoon"  
Luc Noppen, Univ. Laval,  
"Les efforts d'urbanisme  
à Québec de 1880 à 1920;  
la création d'une image  
nouvelle de la ville"  
Randy Rostecki, Winnipeg,  
"Development of Winnipeg's  
Architecture, 1880-1890"  
Trudy Soby, Fort Calgary,  
"Architectural Trends in  
Calgary's Downtown Core,  
1885-1914"

1.30 p.m. Visites d'architecture à  
Québec  
Tours of architecture in  
Quebec City  
a) Edifices commerciaux de  
la Basse-Ville  
Commercial buildings in  
the Lower Town  
b) Architecture domestique  
du XIXe siècle  
Domestic architecture of  
the XIXth. Century

MERCREDI 26 MAI  
WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY

9.00 a.m. Visite de la Côte de  
Beaupré et de l'Ile  
d'Orléans  
Tour of the Côte de  
Beaupré and of the Ile  
d'Orléans

8.00 p.m. Reunions des comités  
permanents  
Meetings of the standing  
committee

JEUDI 27 MAI  
THURSDAY, 27 MAY

9.00 a.m. Séance de travail:  
"Architectes canadiens"  
Session: "Canadian  
Architects"

Harold D. Kalman, Ottawa,  
"The Canadianization of  
Thomas Charles Sorby"  
Yves Laliberté, Univ.  
Laval, "L'architecture  
de Joseph-Ferdinand  
Peachy, 1830-1903"  
John D. Stewart, Queen's  
Univ., "The Architecture  
of William Newlands and  
Son, 1885-1914"  
William P. Thompson, Univ.  
of Manitoba, "Two Archi-  
tects in Winnipeg:  
J.D. Atchison and George  
Browne"

1.30 p.m. Visites d'architecture à  
Québec  
Tours of architecture in  
Quebec City

a) Le parc de l'Artillerie  
Artillery Park  
b) Architecture domestique  
du XIXe siècle  
Domestic architecture  
of the XIXth. Century

5.30 p.m. Assemblée générale  
General meeting

9.00 p.m. Banquet au Château  
Frontenac  
Banquet at the Château  
Frontenac

VENDREDI 28 MAI  
FRIDAY, 28 MAY

9.00 a.m. Séance de travail: "Architecture publique et architecture domestique"  
Session: "Public and Domestic Architecture"

Diane Bodnar, Univ. of British Columbia, "The Provincial Legislative Buildings in Western Canada: A Discussion of Style and Image"

André Corboz, Univ. of Montréal, "Alexander Klein et le logement comme problème de circulation: un précédent canadien"

Lynne D. DiStefano, Brescia College, "Domestic Architecture in London, Ontario: 1880-1910"

9.00 a.m. Séance de travail: "Architecture paysagiste"  
Session: "Landscape Architecture"

Fred Brooks, Vancouver, "Thomas H. Mawson: An English Landscape Architect, his Work and Influence in Canada"  
Douglas Cole, Simon Fraser Univ., "Wilderness Values and Canadian Tastes, 1885-1930"  
Deborah L. Schabracq-Sweitzer, Carleton Univ., "The Motherwell Homestead"

1.30 p.m. Séance de travail: "Génie et techniques"  
Session: "Engineering and Technics"

Frederick H. Armstrong, Univ. of Western Ontario, "The Second Great Fire of Toronto"  
T. Ritchie, National Research Council, "The Canadian Brick Industry, 1880-1915"

Frederick J. Netherton, Fort Steele, "The Baillie Grohman Canal in East Kootenay"

4.30 p.m. Réunion du bureau  
Board Meeting

SAMEDI 29 MAI  
SATURDAY, 29 MAY

9.00 a.m. Visite d'architecture entre Québec et Montréal, sur la rive nord du St-Laurent  
Tour of architecture between Quebec City and Montreal, on the north shore of the St. Lawrence.

DIMANCHE 30 MAI  
SUNDAY, 30 MAY

Visite d'architecture à Montréal  
Tour of architecture in Montreal

CANADA COUNCIL TRAVEL GRANT  
FOR SSAC ANNUAL MEETING

The Canada Council has made a \$2100 travel grant to the Society to assist speakers and directors with their travel arrangements to Quebec City. Some funds will be used to assist members at large who require financial assistance in order to attend the Annual Meeting at Laval University, May 24-30, 1976. Members who wish to apply for a travel grant should write to the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada, Box 2935, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5W9.

Bourse de voyage du Conseil canadien pour la rencontre de la SEAC

Le Conseil canadien a mis une bourse de voyage de \$2,100 à la disposition de la société afin d'aider à défrayer les frais de voyage des directeurs et conférenciers. Il y a aussi des fonds pour les membres qui ont besoin d'aide financière pour pouvoir assister à la rencontre annuelle qui aura lieu à l'université Laval du 24 au 30 mai 1976. Les membres qui veulent faire application pour une bourse de voyage devront écrire à la société pour l'étude de l'architecture au Canada, Boîte 2935, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P JW9.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT FOR THE 1976  
ANNUAL MEETING AT LAVAL UNIVERSITY

The P. Lawson Travel Agency, which handled transportation for delegates in the past, will do so again this year. Since there are a limited number of flights arriving at and departing from Quebec City, delegates travelling by plane are advised to make their reservations well in advance.

STUDENT GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE  
FOR THE SSAC ANNUAL MEETING  
MAY 24-30, 1976

The Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada is pleased to offer the following programs to encourage the attendance of college and university students at the annual meeting at Laval University, Quebec City, May 24-30, 1976. The topic will be Architecture in Canada 1885-1914.

PROGRAM 1. REGISTRATION FEES

The Society will waive the registration fee of \$15 for all participants who have been registered as full time students for the 1975-1976 school year. (Students will be required to pay the additional \$10 registration fee collected by Laval University.)

PROGRAM 2. TOUR GRANT

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to cover the cost of the individual tours:  
May 25-Tour of Lower Town,  
May 26-Tour of Cote de Beaupre  
Ile d'Orleans,  
May 27-City of Quebec,  
May 29-Tour from Quebec to Mtl.,  
May 31-Tour of Montreal.

PROGRAM 3, MEETING GRANT

Scholarships will be awarded to students to pay for travel, housing, and meals while attending the meeting. The amount of each grant will be based on the total estimated cost of the participants' expenditures for travel, housing, meals and miscellaneous expenses.

APPLICATIONS

Applications are due April 15, 1976.

Please send applications to:  
Society for the Study of Architecture  
in Canada, Box 2935, Station D,  
OTTAWA, Ontario, K1P 5W9.

The applicant should include:  
name, address, telephone number,  
institution, program, degree sought,  
year of graduation, reason for attending  
the meeting, an estimate of  
expenses, and two letters of recommendation.

The program is available to students who were enrolled full time during 1975-1976 and are members of the Society.

Des bourses et des octrois sont disponibles pour les étudiants désirant participer à la rencontre annuelle de la SEAC qui se tiendra à l'université Laval, à Québec, du 24 au 30 mai 1976.

On encourage les étudiants membres de la société et inscrits à temps plein dans un collège ou une université pendant l'année scolaire 1975-76, à faire application pour les bourses et octrois suivants:

Bourse pour la rencontre

Cette bourse couvre les dépenses de voyage, le logement et les repas pendant la durée de la rencontre. Le montant offert sera basé sur un estimé des dépenses totales du participant.

Octrois pour les visites et excursions

Un nombre limité d'octrois est disponible pour défrayer le coût de chacune des visites ou excursions suivantes:

Le 25 mai: la basse-ville (Québec)

Le 26 mai: la côte de Beaupré et l'Ile d'Orléans

Le 27 mai: la ville de Québec

Le 29 mai: le voyage Québec-Montréal

Le 31 mai: Montréal

Faites parvenir votre application à:  
La société pour l'étude de l'architecture au Canada, Boîte 2935, Ottawa.

Chaque candidat devra donner les renseignements suivants: nom, adresse, numéro de téléphone, institution fréquentée, programme académique, diplôme en vue, année de la graduation, raisons pour assister à la rencontre, un estimé des dépenses et deux lettres de recommandation.

Les étudiants sont dispensés du \$15.00 de frais d'inscription.  
L'université Laval exigera \$10.00

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