



Royal Ontario Museum

The Royal Ontario Museum's new gallery wing, was dedicated by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in September, 1984. The first level which contains the ROM's Chinese Tomb complex is illuminated at night.

BOOK REVIEWS

Architecture in Canadian Illustrated News and L'Opinion publique. Francine Brousseau and Line Chabot. Parks Canada. 203 pages, paperback, 1984.

This bilingual inventory begins with a short study of the three publications, *Canadian Illustrated News*, *L'Opinion publique* and *Portfolio and Dominion Guide* (1973). As the two magazines were published in Montreal this reference book will be of primary interest to those studying the architecture of Quebec and Ontario. The inventory is organized by location of the building, for example the first three listings are Aberdeen, Abitibi and Adolphustown. For those doing primary research for the period 1869 to 1883, this publication would be of significant assistance.

Copies are available free of charge by writing to: Research Publications, Parks Canada, 1600 Liverpool Court, Ottawa, Canada, K1A 1G2.

Architecture of the Picturesque. Janet Wright. Parks Canada. 183 pages, profusely illustrated with black and white photographs. \$9.95 Paperback, 1984. French cat. no. R61-2/9-17F or English cat. no. R61-2/9-17E.

This study is one in a series that has been prepared by the Canadian Inventory of Historic Building's Architectural Analysis Section to examine the principle architectural styles that have affected building design in Canada. The Picturesque Movement was developed in Britain and accordingly the book begins by examining the roots, theory and execution of that style in England. In Canada the Picturesque was influential during the 1810s and 1820s with some evidence of an advanced expression to the 1840s. Understandably the Atlantic provinces, Ontario and Quebec provide the regional case studies which make up the bulk of this book.

Janet Wright's research provides a most worthwhile addition to the CIHB series.

Woodside and the Victorian Family of John King. Murray W. Nicholson. Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Hull, Quebec, 1984. 9 Black and white photographs. \$6.95 Paperback. French cat no. R61-2/9-22E or English cat. no. R61-2/9-22E.

From 1886 to 1893, John King, father of William Lyon Mackenzie King, and his family lived at the Woodside estate near Berlin, Ontario. These years proved to be some of the King's happiest and this book provides a reflection of those times. Nicholson also details the Toronto years that followed the move from Woodside as well as outlining the formative years of young Mackenzie King. The final section of this work describes the efforts that have been undertaken to save the Woodside house from demolition and to restore it to its former beauty. Interesting reading with particularly detailed reporting of the efforts to save the estate. Elevations and floor plans of the residence would have been an asset.

Reviews by D. W. Lovell

RAIC CANADIAN STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE

A travelling exhibit of the work of the students of the Schools of Architecture has been organized and will be on display at the Schools during the 1984-85 academic year.

Carleton University
McGill University
Universite de Montreal
Universite Laval
Technical University of Nova Scotia

December 15 - January 22
January 28 - February 15
February 20 - March 6
March 10 - March 28
April 1 - May 30

Architectural Publications

Urban Centre Books

A catalogue of new and forthcoming publications in architecture, design and urban planning is available from Urban Centre Books, The Villard Houses, 457 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022 (212) 935-3595.

East Georgian Bay Historical Society

The East Georgian Bay Historical Society, a non-profit corporation devoted to the preservation of the heritage of that region, has published several *Historical Journals* which may be of interest to SSAC members.

Some notable articles are:

- Volume I - The town of Barrie in 1853
 - Thomas Kennedy: Architecture in the Simcoe Style
- Volume II - Observations on the Architecture of the Town of Parry Sound
 - Pointe Au Baril
- Volume III - The Doctor's House (19th Century "Sawmiller's Plank" house)

Each volume of 230 pages is available at \$11.95 plus 60 cents postage from East Georgian Bay Historical Society, P.O. Box 518, Elmvalle, Ontario, L0L 1P0.

Pro So Co News

Pro So Co Inc., manufacturers of proprietary chemical products for masonry, publish a very informative newsletter, containing masonry and stone restoration procedures, entitled *Pro So Co News*. The Summer 1984 issue featured an article on the revitalization of Admiral's House, the Vice-President's Residence in Washington, D.C. The restoration of Chicago's Rookery (Burnham and Root, 1886-1888) was the subject of the Spring 1984 *Pro So Co News*. Copies may be obtained by writing; Ms. Jackie Smith, Advertising Department, Pro So Co News, P.O. Box 1578, Kansas City, KS 66117.

Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada Publications

The following publications are available by order from: S.S.A.C., Box 2935, Station D, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5W9. All orders must be prepaid and include a \$1.00 handling charge.

Newsletters — \$2.00 each

- 1976 Volume 1 Number 2
- 1976 Volume 2 Numbers 3, 4, 5, 6
- 1977 Volume 3 Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4
- 1978 Volume 4 Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- 1979 Volume 5 Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- 1980 Volume 6 Numbers 1, 2, 3

Bulletins — \$3.00 each

- 1980 Volume 6 Numbers 4, 5, 6
- 1981 Volume 7 Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4
- 1982 Volume 7 Numbers 5, 6
- 1983 Volume 8 Numbers 1, 2, 3 & 4
- 1984 Volume 9 Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4

Selected Papers

- Volume I (1975 and 1976) \$6.00
- Volume II (1977) \$6.00
- Volume III (1978) \$8.00
- Volume V (1982) \$5.00
- Volume VI (1983) \$5.00

REGIONAL NEWS

MANITOBA

John Lehr, Past President of the SSAC, reported that the first meeting of a Manitoba Chapter of the SSAC was very successful.

The second meeting will be held on 22 January, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. For further details contact John Lehr at 256-2486 or Susan Grover at 233-0092.

The following is reprinted from the Winnipeg Free Press, Wednesday, 28 November, 1984 edition:

Winnipeg architects to form group for promotion of higher standards

Two dozen Winnipeg architects, historians and environmentalists are getting together to promote higher architectural standards.

The group will be the first provincial chapter of the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada, organizer Sheila Grover said recently.

Grover, an architectural historian and board member of the Ottawa-based society, said the group has been in operation for the past 10 years "and is concerned with all aspects of the built environment, not just buildings."

Grover said this includes site development, landscape architecture and certain features of rural community development.

"Once the provincial chapter of the society is operational, we expect there will be more contributions to scholarly publications, more forums and workshops for communication in this field and more conferences to enable us to share new knowledge with outsiders."

Grover said membership in the provincial society chapter will be open "to all amateurs in the classical sense—people who love the topic as a field of study, yet have not received any formal training in the field."

Apart from city architecture and environment design, Grover said the society chapter will also take an active interest in rural communities.

"There is a tremendous amount of vernacular architecture in predominantly Ukrainian-Canadian and Mennonite communities in this province, and people in other parts of Canada know very little about these developments", Grover said. "Our group will be able to do a great deal in helping to interpret what is here through various publications across Canada."

VANCOUVER

ALCAN LECTURES ON ARCHITECTURE

Organized by the Vancouver League for Studies in Architecture and the Environment

- March 13 **Steven Holl:** Teeter-Totter Principles
- March 28 **Clifford Wiens:** Prairie Focus
- April 24 **Helmut Jahn:** Recent Work
- Date to be
- Announced **Moshe Safdie:** On his work

Place: Robson Square Media Centre

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Free Admission

Information: (604) 683-8588

ALBERTA

The Architectural Foundation at Alberta and the Northern Chapter: Alberta Association of Architects in conjunction with other sponsoring bodies has organized the following lecture series to be held on the dates indicated at 8:00 p.m. in the Edmonton Provincial Museum Auditorium

- 23 January Barry Johns, Edmonton, Alberta
- 30 January Bruno Fresci, Vancouver, B.C.
- 20 February Ron Keenberg, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 27 February Trevor Boddy, Vancouver, B.C.
- 27 March Rob Drier, Stuttgart, W. Germany
- 17 April Taft Architects, Houston, Texas

(John Casbarian, Danny Samuels & Bob Timme)