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Preservation News from Vancouver

by SHARON VEERMAN - *Vancouver*

Vancouver is not yet gripped with preservation paranoia -- the blade of the bulldozer still cuts a wide swath -- but the city has undergone a conscious raising on the value of historical preservation during the past few years.

In 1974, the Vancouver City Charter was amended by the provincial legislature, enabling the city to declare buildings, structures or sites as Heritage Sites, none of which can be demolished or structurally altered without Council approval.

To guide the Council in the designation of Heritage Sites, the Vancouver Heritage Advisory Committee was established in September 1974. City Council appoints the Committee, comprised of 11 members, one of who is a City Councillor. The citizens who serve on the Committee all have some special expertise to offer on the subject of preservation and its implications. The current makeup of the Committee includes an architect, lawyer, property manager, historian, geographer and architectural historian.

So far 21 buildings and two sites in Vancouver have been designated as Heritage Sites. The Committee will be bringing forward its second list of recommendations for consideration by Council later this year.

Three staff members of the Vancouver City Planning Department assist the Advisory Committee with research and study. Nancy Oliver specializes in historical research, Manfred Klenke in economic aspects and Mike McLelland assists with planning and research.

"We act almost as resource people for the Advisory Committee," says Nancy Oliver. "We are compiling an age-of-building map for the City as a whole and eventually every structure in Vancouver will be researched."

Information being compiled, which fills seven file drawers in the planning department, includes age of structure, architect, builder, owners, architectural features of interest, historical significance, etc. Detailed research is conducted on the buildings of most age and historical importance. Vancouver has only one building over 100 years old, and might not have had another if preservation measures had not been enacted.

Economic implications of historical preservation is an area of serious study by the planning staff and by the Heritage Advisory Committee. No compensation is offered to property owners whose buildings are declared Heritage Sites. Many owners have had future redevelopment in mind and may be faced with costly maintenance of older structures that is not justified by existing revenues and rising tax assessments.

Preservation, however, does not always mean economic hardship to property owners, and in Vancouver the Gastown and Chinatown areas are a case in point. Since their designation as Heritage Sites these areas have thrived. Preservation and restoration have increased their interest and commercial value.

Manfred Klenke has just completed an economic study of the Gastown area, concentrating on the period between 1966 and 1974. It identifies and analyzes the diverse economic elements of the area and the economic effect of the restoration that has taken place during this time period. The study is intended to demonstrate that historic areas can be protected and revitalized to again become an economically sound part of a living, viable modern city. It also summarizes the

economic history of the area between 1886 and 1974, dealing with the changes in land use profile and both private and public investment. The report will be published in August and limited numbers are available upon request from the Vancouver City Planning Department.

Other current economic studies being undertaken by the Planning Department and Advisory Committee deal with ways to maintain the economic viability of Heritage Buildings. For example, an old mansion could be converted into a restaurant that would satisfactorily preserve the building and still bring a satisfactory revenue to the owner.

"There's a vast area of study on the subject of preservation", says Vancouver architect Barry Downs, one of the Advisory Committee members. "We need preservation as reminders of the culture, history and architecture of our past. Many older buildings serve as stabilizers of form and scale. For example, in the west end of Vancouver, which is a high-rise apartment area, the low scale of the existing houses, combined with the trees on the boulevards, serve as a matrix that ties the spaces together. What little charm that is left in that area is provided by those houses."

In the Committee's next report they are considering three categories of designation. These are:

1. Outright designation as a Heritage Site.
2. The designation of a building as a historically important structure, but with the option of change allowed. For example, a building could be structurally altered, or perhaps even replaced, if the change, or new building, were considered to have suitable character and strength.
3. Buildings that have historical potential, particularly if the edifices are of good quality.

The new report will also explain more fully the reasons for Heritage designation. It will also deal with the purposes and aims of the Heritage Advisory Committee and ways in which preservation can be economically viable for the property owners.

The Committee wants to provide full information on just why a building is considered to be of historical and architectural importance. "I don't think we dealt with that aspect in enough detail in our first report," says Barry Downs. "Sometimes people ask why this or that building was designated. In our new report we want to give our opinions in more detail so people will have a better understanding of the importance of preservation."

The Heritage Advisory Committee's recommendations will be finalized sometime in June and the report will be put before the Vancouver City Council at their fall session.

Heritage Canada: AIM

Heritage Canada has announced a new service called Aid in Marketing. AIM is designed to help provide national marketing and distribution for the publications and products of member organizations.

Within the limits of their resources, Heritage Canada is prepared to act as both a wholesale distributor and retail sales outlet for the publications and other materials which contribute to public awareness and education in heritage conservation. This can include books, research reports, hasty-notes, cards, drawings, posters, etc.

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MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS / CONFÉRENCES etc.

ASSOCIATION FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY

September 24-28, 1975

Williamsburg, Virg.

The annual meeting will be held at Williamsburg, Virginia, from September 24 to 28. Technical sessions will include the subjects of historic site archeology, garden restoration and maintenance, structural investigations of buildings, conservation of textiles, maritime preservation projects, conservation of flooring, brick and mortar -- deterioration, stabilization and reproduction. Tours will be made of Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown, Carter's Grove Plantation, Kingsmills Plantation site and to Richmond, Virginia. Post-meeting tours are being arranged to the James River plantations and to visit ongoing restoration projects in Alexandria, Virginia.

Prior to the annual meeting, a three-day technical short course will be held on the "Use of Polymer Adhesives in the Repair and Replacements of Building Components." This course will be conducted by architects, engineers and chemists experienced in architectural preservation and the manufacture of replacement architectural parts.

APT joined with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service to co-sponsor the "Symposium on Restoration of Historic Concrete Structures" at the American Concrete Institute meeting this past April in Boston. This was one of the several planned sponsorships for training and research in architectural preservation technology.

Articles planned for future publications of the BULLETIN include: Research in Wall Dampproofing, Deafening -- an Early Form of Sound Insulation, Wood Structural Members -- Some Recent European Preservation Methods, Ironmonger Marks, Shutter Hardware, Slide Bolts, Stock Locks and HL Hinges, Sod Houses in Nebraska, Adobe Preservation, 1894 Specifications for Stone Lodge at Custer Battlefield,

Reprint of Geo. L. Mesker Co. - Store Fronts, Photo Essay of Philadelphia Shoe Scrapers, "Gravel Wall" Concrete at Fort Laramie.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY is an organization of professionals active in the preservation of historic resources. From its inception in 1968, APT has been a Canadian-American forum for the development of architectural preservation techniques in North America. Individuals and organizations are invited to become members. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 for individuals and organizations and \$7.50 for students.

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September 22-24, 1975

Williamsburg, Virg.

POLYMER ADHESIVES FOR THE REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF BUILDINGS

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The instructors are internationally recognized experts in this field.

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Thomas L. Nagy. Ottawa in Maps/
Ottawa par les cartes.
1825-1973. Public Archives of
Canada, Ottawa. 1974. 87 p. \$2.50.

Alan F.J. Artibise and Edward H.
Dahl. Winnipeg in Maps/Winnipeg
par les cartes. 1816-1972.
Public Archives of Canada,
Ottawa. 1972. 80 p.

Le Programme de diffusion des Archives publiques du Canada, entrepris il y a deux ans pour faire connaître les ressources de l'institution à un plus vaste public, a enfin porté des fruits pour ceux qui s'intéressent à l'architecture des villes canadiennes. Les deux volumes en question contiennent respectivement une trentaine de reproductions de cartes d'Ottawa et de Winnipeg retraçant l'évolution de ces villes dès avant leur urbanisation jusqu'à nos jours, et un choix de vues à vol d'oiseau, d'atlas de compagnies d'assurances, de plans de la ville et de ses édifices. Les historiens de l'architecture ont ainsi l'opportunité de mieux comprendre les circonstances qui ont marqué l'architecture de ces deux villes. Les deux volumes sont en vente à Information Canada, Ottawa K1A OS9, et dans les librairies d'Information Canada à Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg et Vancouver.

The Diffusion Programme of the Public Archives of Canada, initiated nearly two years ago to bring to a wider audience the institution's holdings, has finally borne fruit for individuals interested in architecture in Canadian cities. These two volumes each contain approximately thirty reproductions of maps of Ottawa and Winnipeg, tracing the development of these cities from their pre-urban years to the present. Bird's eye views, insurance atlases, planning maps and architectural plans are among the documents selected. Through a study of these two books, architectural historians will be able to gain insight into forces in-

fluencing the architecture in these two cities. Both volumes are available from Information Canada, Ottawa K1A OS9 and from Information Canada bookstores in Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

QUERY

In connection with research on the Provincial Legislative Building in Regina, information is needed regarding the following architects and firms. What other public buildings did these persons design?

Darling and Pearson of Winnipeg
Marchand and Haskell of Montreal
E. and W.S. Maxwell of Montreal
F.N. Rattenburg of Victoria
Storey and Van Egmond of Regina
Cass Gilbert of New York
Mitchell and Raine of London, England
Percy E. Nobbs, Professor of Architecture, McGill University
Bertram Goodhue of New York
Frank Miles Day of Philadelphia

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The Revitalization of Older Residential Districts

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About 100 pages.

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Architectural Biographies

A LIST OF ARCHITECTURAL BIOGRAPHIES AS PUBLISHED IN THE CANADIAN ALBUM, MEN OF CANADA, 1891-96

by KEN ELDER and TED MACDONALD

Ottawa

This five volume set, published in Brantford, Ontario between 1891 and 1896 contains biographical sketches and photographs of men considered by the editor to be leaders in their fields of endeavour. The original plans for the set were based on the assumption that if one Canadian in a thousand could be considered representative, with the population at the time about five million, then the material could be neatly packaged in seven volumes, with approximately seven hundred biographies per volume. The venture came to a halt upon completion of Volume V, having changed editors in the process, leaving us with approximately 3,500 biographies, of which 35 are those of men who, by training at least, were identified as architects.

The material as presented is phrased generally in complimentary terms; factual material regarding projects and dates is scanty. We can only guess at the method for selecting deserving individuals for inclusion in the set, but the result is that we are left with a cross-section of the architectural profession at the turn of the century which will at least provide a basis for further investigation.

The details of publication, along with an alphabetical list of the architectural biographies are as follows: The Canadian Album, Men of Canada or Success by Example in Religion, Patriotism, Business, Law, Medicine, Education and Agriculture; containing portraits of some of Canada's chief businessmen, statesmen, farmers, men of the learned profession, and others. Also, an authentic sketch of their lives. Object lessons for the present generation and examples to posterity. Edited by Rev. Wm. Cochrane, D.D.,

- Vol. 1 Bradley, Garretson and Company, Brantford, Ontario 1891
- 2 Bradley Garretson and Company, Brantford, Ontario 1893
- 3 Bradley, Garretson and Company, Brantford, Ontario 1894
- 4 Bradley, Garretson and Company, Brantford, Ontario 1895

The Canadian Album, Encyclopedic Canada or The Progress of a Nation in Religion, Patriotism, Business, Law, Medicine, Education and Agriculture, containing facts and faces of some of Canada's chief businessmen, statesmen, farmers, men of the learned professions, and others. With Pen and Picture Sketches of Canadian Institutions, Industries and Communities. Edited by J. Castell Hopkins.

- Vol. 5 The Bradley, Garretson Company, Limited, Brantford, Toronto, Ontario 1896

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STORM, William George	1826	Toronto	1	423
TANGUAY, George Emile	1858	Quebec	5	63
TEAGUE, John	1836	Victoria	4	114
VENNE, Joseph	1859	Montreal	2	326
WAGNER, Charles Frederick	1862	Toronto	1	249
WRIGHT, James	1833	Montreal	2	347

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MANITOBA ARCHITECTURE TO 1940

The University of Manitoba Libraries are planning to publish a bibliography of Manitoba Architecture to 1940, listing over 700 books and articles published up to 1972. There is an author/title list of monographs, a chronological list of articles, and a description of special materials such as collections of photographs and architectural surveys. Manitoba locations are given for most of the items.

The Bibliography includes indexes of architects, builders, etc., buildings, and subject classes such as ethnic architecture, localities, building types.

Manitoba Architecture to 1940 was compiled by Jill Wade, Reference Librarian, Architecture and Fine Arts Library at the University of Manitoba from 1970 to 1973.

The bibliography is expected to sell at approximately \$10.00.

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