

### *Upcoming Events*

#### **Lights, Camera, Archives**

Please join us on **Tuesday April 28, 2015** at LAMP, 185 Fifth Street at 7PM for a presentation by Stewart Boden of the Archives of Ontario. Stewart will present the Archives' most popular presentation - Lights, Camera, Archives- featuring historical film clips from their collection. The films were all produced by the Government of Ontario, and subjects include health promotion, tourism, education, and Ontario Public Service staff training. Come enjoy a nostalgic look at the people and places of Ontario.

#### **Winston Churchill and Mackenzie King, So Similar, So Different.**

Please join us on **Tuesday May 26, 2015** at LAMP, 185 Fifth Street at 7PM for a presentation by Terry Reardon on the unique and fascinating relationship between Winston Churchill and Canada's longest serving Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King. Terry's book has been the subject of interviews on radio and TVO's The Agenda. Copies of the book will be available at a discounted price of \$25 – including HST.

#### **Brass Rolling Mills to Start of New Toronto**

The Machinery Ordered in Consequence of The Tariff Changes – It is the First in Canada

The “anti-dumping” clause in the new Fielding tariff has not only reassured those manufacturers already in business in Canada that they can continue without fear of competition of an unfair nature, but is it encouraging new industries to begin operations.

On the afternoon of the day that the new regulation was announced a wire was sent from Toronto ordering on from the United States machinery with which to equip the Canada Brass Rolling Mills Foundry in New Toronto. The machinery had been purchased a year before, but it would never have been brought in had it not been for Hon. Mr. Fielding's announcement.

“This will be the first brass rolling mill in Canada”, said Mr. R.E. Menzie, who is managing director of the company. “At first we were only putting into it from \$150,000 to \$200,000 capital, but we expect ultimately to have a million dollar plant. We now have every confidence to go ahead, as the dumping clause, as I

understand it, protects us from unfair competition. Brass goods come in free, but we figure that we have an even start with the mills in Waterbury, Conn., because of the greater cost they have to meet in hauling coal, of \$1 per ton. But should their market be glutted, and they attempt to slaughter goods here to save their own markets, we have effectual protection in the tariff that now stands.

## A Vast Industry

“Few people realize” said Mr. Menzies what an impressive business the brass and rolling industry is. Why in the United States there are over 500,000 people living on it along. We import annually into Canada in the form of brass and copper sheet tubings and rods about \$9,000,000 and in finished articles about \$3,000,000 more. This is the trade we are going after. It is not only the establishment of the rolling mills that will benefit Canada, but other factories who use our products will grow up around. There is an immense field to work on. There are enough corset and eyelets along used in Canada to keep our present mill working to is full capacity.

“It affects the wall paper trade too,” said Mr. Menzie, who is also manager of the Menzie Wall Paper Co., which firm has just opened a large wall paper factory at New Toronto. “The American manufactures will not be able to swamp us by shipping job lots of left-over patterns into Canada at prices

below real value.

## Will Support Laurier

“You may say that I think Mr. Fielding’s proposals are OK,” said he. “Hitherto I have been a Conservative, and have only voted Liberal once in my life. The next election, however, I intend to support the Laurier Government, and there will be many other manufacturers who will do the same. The Government are honestly trying, I believe, to give the manufacturers all, the protection they need, and at the same time are keeping the interests of the consumer at heart, and we should give them credit for it. I am not such a strong party man that I cannot see good in the other fellows, and if they do the right thing I am going to give them my hearty support.”

Mr. Menzie is a past vice-president of the Manufacturers’ Association.

*Toronto Daily Star*, June 21, 1904

## Brass Made In Canada

### The First Consignment Turned out in the County to be Shipped To-morrow

Another important step in the industrial progress of Canada has been taken. Canada is now turning out brass.

The first consignment of brass ever turned out in the Dominion will be shipped tomorrow from

the Canada Brass Rolling Mills at New Toronto. This shipment marks the opening of an industry of the utmost importance to the country. The Canada Brass Rolling Mills, Limited, have just completed large smelters and mills at New Toronto, where brass will be turned out in the form in which it is best utilized by firms of brass manufacturers. The mills will employ 60 hands when everything is in complete running order. The first piece of brass was turned out under the direction of Mr. S. J. Wooster on Feb 1.

Lake Superior district copper is being utilized by the New Toronto mills. Mr. John R. Barber of Georgetown is President of the company. Mr. T. W. Hern, Vice-President, and R.E. Menzie, Managing Director.

*Toronto Daily Star*, February 10, 1905

## New Toronto Book

Research and writing of the new book on New Toronto continues.

Do you have any historical photographs of New Toronto or any fascinating stories?

If so, please let us know.

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