

Upcoming Events

Toronto's Built Railway Heritage: The Architecture of the Age of Rail

Join us on Tuesday
September 21, 2010 at LAMP,
185 Fifth Street at 7:00 PM for
a presentation by Derek Boles.

Through Derek's presentation we will explore the history of railway architecture in Toronto, from the magnificent Union Station to the lowly crossing shanty that was recently restored at the Toronto Railway Heritage Centre. This fast-paced presentation will also explore suburban passenger stations, express buildings, downtown ticket offices, and both the CNR Spadina and CPR John Street roundhouses..

William Lyon Mackenzie

Join us on Tuesday **October 26, 2010** at LAMP, 185 Fifth Street at 7:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be John Sewell. John will speak to us about William Lyon Mackenzie, Toronto's first mayor and leader of the 1837 Upper Canada Rebellion.

In 2002 John published *Mackenzie : a political biography of William Lyon Mackenzie*.

Early New Toronto Industries

The following is taken from *Toronto, Old and New* by G. Mercer Adam, published in 1891.

Mr. James Morrison, brass founder, commenced his career in Toronto, in 1864, with a very limited capital. His business spread, however, rapidly, and he was compelled to move into larger premises from time to time, till he finally took possession in 1872, of his present factory on Adelaide Street West. In addition to brass founding and finishing, Mr. Morrison does a large business in engineers, steam-fitters, plumbers and gas fitters' supplies. Various additions have been made to the factory to meet the pressing demands upon it. A four-storey foundry was erected on Pearl Street, and show rooms and storage rooms have been added. Mr. Morrison has also a coppersmith's department, where copper work for distillers, brewers, confectioners and plumbers is manufactured. It is shortly intended to remove this department to the new factory in Mimico [New Toronto], where new lines will be added. The firm employs 150 hands, and pays annually out in wages over \$80,000.

The J.F. Pease Furnace Company, manufacturers of the famous "Economy" Furnaces, have given birth to one of the most important industries in the city, and the operations of the firm extend throughout the Dominion, and their products find their way even to Europe. The extensive factory and offices of the Company are on Queen Street East, a view of which will be found in these pages. The industry gives employment to a large number of hands, besides a staff of mechanical experts and experienced heating engineers. In 1885, this Company was awarded, at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, the Silver Medal for their Economy Furnaces, the only premium given on that occasion, though all the other manufacturers were represented. The heaters manufactured by this firm are the product of thirty years skill and thought given to the vital subject of sanitary heating and ventilation. The Company are each year introducing improvements, and have recently perfected an entirely new heater, designed for warming all manner of buildings, by a combination of hot water and warm air. Three distinct classes of heaters are now made by this Company, viz. : the "Economy" Warm Air Furnace, the "Economy" Hot Water Combination Heater. These are made of various sizes, suitable to the warming of all classes of private residences and public buildings. The now popular system of "Combination"

heating by steam and warm air, was invented by Mr. J.F. Pease, of this Company, and his Furnace was the first of that kind anywhere put on the market. Of this Company's heaters there are over 30,000 now in use in the United States; they find their way, also as we have said, into every part of Canada and into many places in the Old World. In recent years the great advantage of furnace heating over that of old heating methods by stoves, has so come home to people that buildings and residences are now occupied or left empty as furnace heating methods are or are not adopted by owners or builders. The consequence has been an enormous production of steam, hot water, and warm air heaters, the chief demand being supplied by the manufacturers of the Pease Company. The business of the Company is under the direction of the President and Treasurer, Messrs. John T. and Joseph B. Sheridan, men of enterprise and ability, who have recently extended their manufacturing operations by the erection, at Mimico [New Toronto], of a large foundry and machine shop, to enable them to take up the manufacture of all manner of registers, for domestic use, which the firm have hitherto largely imported.

New Toronto: World Centre For Wallpaper

As New Toronto celebrates its Golden Jubilee this year, one of its important industries

celebrates an anniversary too. Canadian Wallpaper Manufacturers Limited marks the wallpaper industry's 60th year in New Toronto this year.

In 1903 the first wallpaper plant was opened where today, one of the America's largest wallpaper factories stands. It exports the work of New Toronto craftsmen to most of the countries around the world. In the 60 years since 1903 the plant has grown steadily as Canada's wallpaper industry became centred at New Toronto. Today, Canadian Wallpaper Manufacturers Limited pays an annual salary of almost \$2,000,000.00 to its employees, while its complex and ultra-modern machinery helps turn out some of the highest quality wallpaper in the world.

Although wallpaper manufacturing today employs modern machines for various types of printing and processing, important parts of the process still require many of the arts and skills that were required in 1903. From original art to final printing, it is human skill and ability to make Canadian wallpapers so widely famous. In these pictures men and women are shown who have that skill and ability – men and women of New Toronto, who work at Canadian Wallpaper Manufactures Limited.

Celebrating Our Golden Jubilee: New Toronto and New Toronto Hydro, 1963.