

## **SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER CALENDAR – more information**

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

***The Early Airfields of Toronto***

**Meeting location: Fairview Library at 7.30 p.m.**

In 1965, two members of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society (CAHS) launched a project to gather information about Toronto's earliest airfields. Notes turned over to the author many years later enabled him to add to their historical bequest. Although the original list of earliest airports of Toronto, prior to the site selection for Malton in 1937 was comprehensive, there were notable exceptions. The aviation training that took place on the campus of the University of Toronto – other centers that justify inclusion include those that would not be considered formal aviation centres: one at the CNE grounds, the delivery of Santa Claus to the Eaton Christmas Parade in 1919 and the Imperial Flying Club of Scarborough, which has a claim to being the airfield with the shortest existence in the history of Canadian aviation; all of one weekend!

This book, a pictorial essay on the Early Airfields of Toronto, in the main owes its very existence to the rich imagery available at the Archive of the City of Toronto & at the Library and Archives of Canada.

Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

***Gibson House Museum: Fall Festival***

**CANADA 150 HERITAGE WALK, HERITAGE LECTURE AND DISPLAY**  
**North York Historical Society, together with**  
**Dictionary of Canadian Biography**  
**North Toronto Historical Society**  
**and MomentO**

**HERITAGE WALK**

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:00-3.45 p.m.

***A JOURNEY THROUGH PRE-CONFEDERATION NORTH TORONTO***

Discover the rural past in a walking tour conducted by the North Toronto Historical Society. Learn about early farms and estates such as Glengrove and Kingsland and the families of the area including the McDougalls, Sniders and Lawrences.

Meeting Place: NW corner Lytton Blvd. and Yonge St. (Snider Parkette). Ending at the Plaque to Hon. William McDougall, Father of Confederation, Lawrence Ave south side just east of Yonge St.

**HERITAGE LECTURE**

Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 7.00 p.m.

**Meeting Location: North York Council Chamber 7.00 p.m.**

North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge Street, North York.

***WILLIAM McDOUGALL: DREAMS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS OF A CONFEDERATION-ERA POLITICIAN:*** Presented by Governor-General's Award-winning historian Christopher Moore, author of 1867: *How the Fathers Made a Deal* and *Three Weeks in Quebec City*



"His public life has been a peculiar one," a contemporary wrote of Toronto's William McDougall. "His bitterest enemy will not deny that he is one of our ablest public men. [But] his influence for some years past has not been commensurate with his abilities." McDougall participated in all the confederation conferences of the 1860's, sat in the new nation's first cabinet, and was a key advocate for Canada's westward expansion. A radical spokesman for the plain farmers of Canada West at one moment, a John A. Macdonald Conservative at another, McDougall was present at the great moments of the founding of the Canadian state, yet he never quite took charge of them, and sometimes lamented he had wasted his life and talents. William McDougall was among the most intriguing of the makers of Confederation, and he has never had a major biography. Governor-General's Award-winning historian Christopher Moore uses the stormy life of William McDougall to explore the whirlpools and riptides of political life in Toronto and the Dominion of Canada 150 years ago.

**DISPLAY (PHOTOGRAPHIC)**

September/October in the Locke Library at 3083 Yonge Street (at Lawrence Ave E.

Display will relate to both lecture and walk.

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Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

***Deadlock in Korea: Canadians at War 1950-53***

**Meeting location: Fairview Library at 7.30 p.m.**

Between 1950 and 1953, nearly 30,000 Canadian volunteers joined the effort to contain communist incursions into South Korea and support the fledgling United Nations. All the services were there and all served with distinction. The Royal Canadian Navy led a daring rescue of troops from the port of Chinnampo in 1950; members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry won the highest US battle honour at Kap'yong in April 1951; the Vandoos turned the tide at Hill 355; and twice – at Hill 355 in October 1952 and Hill 187 in May 1953 – members of the Royal Canadian Regiment held firm against forces that greatly outnumbered them.