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For Canadian Legal History



THE SEAL OF THE SOCIETY, REPRODUCED ON THE COVER OF THIS REPORT, REFLECTS AN ELEMENT OF THE ARMS OF JOHN BEVERLEY ROBINSON FROM WHOM THE LAND ON WHICH OSGOODE HALL IS BUILT WAS PURCHASED BY THE LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA IN 1829.

Introduction

THE OSGOODE SOCIETY WAS INCORPORATED IN MAY OF 1979. IN 1993 IT BECAME THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY. FOUNDED AT THE INITIATIVE OF R. ROY MCMURTRY, A FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL AND CHIEF JUSTICE OF ONTARIO, AND OFFICIALS OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA, ITS PURPOSE IS TO STUDY AND PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF THE LAW, THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND THE JUDICIARY IN ONTARIO AND ELSEWHERE IN CANADA AND TO STIMULATE RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ON THESE SUBJECTS.

AMONG THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES ARE ITS PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME, AN ORAL HISTORY PROGRAMME, AND A RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAMME TO ASSIST SCHOLARS DOING RESEARCH IN CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY. THE SOCIETY'S INTENTION IS THAT ITS ANNUAL PUBLICATION WILL BE FUNDED BY MEMBERSHIP FEES. THE CONTINUATION OF RELATED EFFORTS WILL DEPEND PRIMARILY ON SUPPORT FROM THE LAW FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO AND FROM PATRONS, BENEFACTORS AND SUSTAINING MEMBERS.

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Editor's Report

It was a particular pleasure to play the role of master of ceremonies at our book launch at Osgoode Hall on October 30th, 2013. A very large crowd – more than permitted by fire regulations! – turned out to celebrate our four new books, particularly to mark the publication of our members' book, Roy McMurtry's *Memoirs and Reflections*. The Osgoode Society was started by Roy McMurtry when he was Attorney-General of Ontario, in 1979, and has flourished under the Presidency of first Brendan O'Brien and more latterly Mr. McMurtry himself. His Memoirs are in themselves a legal history of Ontario and Canada over more than 50 years, and it was fitting indeed that we should publish them. In a very short time this has also become our best ever selling book, thereby boosting our membership. The Society, I am pleased to report, is in exceptionally good shape.

In 2013 our publication programme produced an additional three first class books (discussed below), rich in their variety and of first rate scholarly quality. My thanks go to those who make my job as editor-in-chief so much easier – our Associate Editor, Professor Philip Girard of Osgoode Hall Law School, and our administrator/maid of all work

Marilyn MacFarlane. The Society's directors are an invaluable source of support and advice, and as always we are deeply indebted to the Law Foundation of Ontario.

Our other very important program is the oral history collection, which grows steadily every year. We have now interviewed over 600 people, and are always receptive to members' suggestions about who we should include. We are continuing with co-operative ventures with the judges of the Ontario Court of Justice and the Advocates Society, and also keeping up and expanding the range of our interviews with lawyers who practise on 'Main Street not Bay Street.'

A full listing of all our oral histories is on the newly redesigned website, as are all our books and much else besides. I remind members that their memberships can be renewed on line now as well. No more searching for that chequebook – a few key strokes and you are at www.osgoodesociety.ca.

I look forward to another great year with what I now describe, wherever possible and with no exaggeration, as 'the most successful legal-historical organisation in the common law world'.

The Publishing Programme

In 2013 The Society published four books.

ANNUAL BOOK

***Memoirs and Reflections*, by Roy McMurtry published by the University of Toronto Press.**

In addition to his most important accomplishment, the founding of the Osgoode Society, Roy McMurtry recounts and reflects on his years as a criminal defence lawyer, attorney-general of Ontario, High Commissioner to the UK, and Chief Justice of Ontario, and his involvements in many other events and causes. Along the way we are given insights into the patriation of the Constitution, the end of apartheid in South Africa, the Dubin Inquiry, and other milestones. This book is a great read, a modern legal history of Canada and Ontario, and a compelling story of a life well lived.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

We offered members *three* optional extras.

1. *Lawyers, Families, and Businesses: The Shaping of a Bay Street Law Firm, Faskens, 1863-1963*, by C. Ian Kyer, Lawyer and Historian, published by Irwin Law.

Ian Kyer has combined his historical and legal expertise to produce a comprehensive account of the first century of Faskens. He takes us through crucial stages in the development of not just this but many other Canadian law firms - alliances with business, the growth of two or three man partnerships into considerably larger firms, and the links between leading firms and politics. Along the way we see how law practice changed, how remuneration was divided up, how strong leaders stamped their

individual personalities on the collective identity of the firm. This is a major contribution to our understanding of the seismic changes in Canadian law practice.

2. *The Massey Murder: A Maid, Her Master and the Trial that Shocked the Nation*, by Charlotte Gray, Independent Historian, published by Harper Collins.

In 1915 Carrie Davies, an 18-year old servant girl in the home of Charles (Bert) Massey, scion of the famous Massey family, shot and killed her employer as he entered his house after work. Remarkably, she was acquitted, and award winning popular historian Charlotte Gray explains how this happened. Vividly recreating the war time atmosphere, a press war, and conflicts over crime and gender, she highlights the role played by the defence lawyer who exploited the “unwritten law” of an honour killing in a rare Canadian case of jury nullification.

3. *Essays in the History of Canadian Law – Volume XI: The Canadas*, edited by G. Blaine Baker, Emeritus Professor Law, McGill University, and Donald Fyson, Professor of History, Laval University. Published by the University of Toronto Press.

This latest volume in the Essays in the History of Canadian Law series, with which we launched our publishing programme in 1981, is the first devoted to central Canada - what is now Ontario and Quebec before Confederation. Anchored by a comprehensive introduction exploring the main themes of the legal history of the region, a group of distinguished historians from have contributed 11 substantive essays (three in French), on subjects as varied as women in court, grand juries, western law and aboriginal peoples, gun use and control, Quebec legal literature, married women’s property, and imprisonment for debt.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE any of the above books, please contact our offices, or visit our website – osgoodesociety.ca – and order on line.

Book Reception

A reception was held at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on October 30th, 2013 to launch the Society’s 2013 books.

2014 Publications

ANNUAL BOOK

***The Court of Appeal for Ontario: Defining the Right of Appeal 1792-2013*, by Christopher Moore, published by the University of Toronto Press.**

Christopher Moore's study of the Ontario Court of Appeal begins with the establishment in 1850 of the Court of Error and Appeal for Canada West and takes us through more than 150 years of institutional history, charting the various and at times complex reorganisations of the court and identifying landmark events, such as the opening up of criminal appeals in the late nineteenth century. This is also partly a biographical history, analysing its dominant personalities. Along the way the book looks at the court's workload, its internal administration, relations with the bar, and connections to the politics of the province.

ALL MEMBERS RECEIVE THIS BOOK AT NO EXTRA CHARGE.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

1. *Equality Deferred: Sex Discrimination and British Columbia's Human Rights State, 1953-1984*, by Dominique Clement, published by University of British Columbia Press.

Professor Clement's pioneering study combines the modern history of the rise of human rights with a detailed study of an administrative agency. It focuses particularly on sex discrimination, and documents the political debates surrounding human rights law, analyses the role of social movements in developing the law, and discusses the working of the tribunals and human rights investigators who put the law into practice.

2. *Petty Justice: Low Law and the Sessions System in Charlotte County, NB 1785-1867*, by Paul Craven, published by the University of Toronto



Press.

Local administration and law enforcement in pre-Confederation Canada was largely done through a coterie of appointed officials, most notably the justices of the peace, but also including constables, parish officers, overseers of the poor, and the like. This system, inherited from Britain, has not previously been closely examined for Canada, and Paul Craven's masterful study of its operation and decline is thus a landmark in our legal history. In a remarkably deeply researched study of one county, Craven explains how the system worked, who used it, and how private and public roles and interests overlapped and interacted.

3. *Ruin and Redemption: The Struggle for a Canadian Bankruptcy Law, 1867-1919*, by Thomas Telfer, published by the University of Toronto Press.

Professor Telfer's deeply researched book shows that between Confederation and 1919, when the federal parliament passed the Bankruptcy Act that remains the basis of the current law, Canadians debated insolvency law with a perhaps surprising amount of passion. The discharge raised deep issues of commercial morality, while arguments about priorities pitted local against regional and national interests. Federalism complicated the story, as it often does in Canadian legal history, as the federal parliament abandoned its jurisdiction over bankruptcy for decades.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE any of the optional extras, please indicate so on the attached form, and you will be billed when it appears.

Books Previously Published

2013 **Memoirs & Reflections**, Roy McMurtry

The Massey Murder: A Maid, Her Master and the Trial that Shocked a Nation, Charlotte Gray

Lawyers, Families, and Businesses: The Shaping of a Bay Street Law Firm, Faskens 1863-1963, C. Ian Kyer

Essays in the History of Canadian Law: Volume XI: Quebec and the Canadas, edited by G. Blaine Baker and Donald Fyson

2012 **Arming and Disarming: A History of Gun Control in Canada**, R. Blake Brown

Property on Trial: Canadian Cases in Context, edited by Eric Tucker, James Muir & Bruce Ziff

Broken Grounds: Criminal Law on the Aboriginal Plains, 1870-1905, Shelley Gavigan

The African-Canadians Legal Odyssey: Selected Essays, edited by Barrington Walker

2011 **The Lazier Murder: Prince Edward County, 1884**, Robert J. Sharpe

Lawyers and Legal Culture in British North America: Beamish Murdoch of Halifax, Philip Girard

Dewigged, Bothered and Bewildered: British Colonial Judges on Trial, John McLaren

Westward Bound: Sex, Violence, the Law, and the Making of a Settler Society, Lesley Erickson

2010 **Work on Trial: Canadian Labour Law Struggles**, edited by Judy Fudge and Eric Tucker

A History of the British Columbia Court of Appeal, Christopher Moore

Viscount Haldane: Wicked Stepfather of the Canadian Constitution, Frederick Vaughan

Race on Trial: Black Defendants in Ontario's Criminal Courts, 1850-1950, Barrington Walker

2009 **Canadian Maverick: The Life and Times of Ivan C. Rand**, William Kaplan

A Trying Question: The Jury in Nineteenth Century Canada, R. Blake Brown

Canadian State Trials, Vol. III, Political Trials and Security Measures, 1840-1914, edited by Barry Wright & Susan Binnie

The Last Day, the Last Hour: The Currie Libel Trial, Robert J. Sharpe (*2nd edition- originally published in 1988*)

2008 **Carnal Crimes: Sexual Assault Law in Canada, 1900-1975**, Constance Backhouse

Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. X: A Tribute to Peter N. Oliver, edited by Jim Phillips, R. Roy McMurtry John Saywell

The Law of the Land: The Advent of the Torrens System in Canada, Greg Taylor

The Grand Experiment: Law and Legal Culture in British Settler Societies, edited by Hamar Foster, Benjamin Berger, A.R. Buck

2007 **The Persons Case: The Origins and Legacy of the Fight for Legal Personhood**, Robert J. Sharpe and Patricia McMahon

Misconceptions: Unmarried Motherhood and the Children of Unmarried Parents Act, Lori Chambers

The Alberta Supreme Court at 100: History & Authority, edited by Jonathan Swainger

My Life in Crime and Other Academic Adventures,

- Martin Friedland
- 2006 **Magistrates, Police & People: Everyday Criminal Justice in Quebec and Lower Canada, 1764-1837**, Donald Fyson
The Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba 1870-1950: A Biographical History, Dale Brawn
R.C.B. Risk, A History of Canadian Legal Thought: Collected Essays, edited and introduced by G. Blaine Baker and Jim Phillips
- 2005 **Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life**, Philip Girard
In Search of Justice: An Autobiography, Fred Kaufman
Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. IX, Two Islands: Newfoundland & PEI, edited by Christopher English
- 2004 **Osgoode Hall: An Illustrated History**, John Honsberger
Aggressive in Pursuit: The Life of Justice Emmett Hall, Frederick Vaughan
The Heiress vs. The Establishment: Mrs. Campbell's Campaign for Legal Justice, Constance Backhouse and Nancy Backhouse
The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, 1754-2004; From Imperial Bastion to Provincial Oracle, edited by Philip Girard, Jim Phillips & Barry Cahill
- 2003 **Brian Dickson: A Judge's Journey**, Robert Sharpe and Kent Roach
The Conventional Man: The Diaries of Ontario Chief Justice Robert A Harrison, 1856-1878, edited with an introduction by Peter Oliver
John J. Robinette, Peerless Mentor: An Appreciation, George D. Finlayson
Rule of the Admirals: Law, Custom, and Naval Government in Newfoundland, 1699-1832, Jerry Bannister
- 2002 **The Law Makers: Judicial Power and the Shaping of Canadian Federalism**, John T. Saywell
Colonial Justice: Justice, Morality and Crime in the Niagara District, 1791-1849, David Murray
Canadian State Trials Volume Two: Rebellion and Invasion in the Canadas, 1837-8, edited by F. Murray Greenwood and Barry Wright
Courted and Abandoned: Seduction in Canadian Law, Patrick Brode
- 2001 **Judging Bertha Wilson: Law as Large as Life**, Ellen Anderson
Labour Before the Law: Collective Action in Canada, 1900-1945, Judy Fudge and Eric Tucker
Renegade Lawyer: The Life of J.L. Cohen, Laurel Sefton MacDowell
- 2000 **'The Thousandth Man': A Biography of James McGregor Stewart**, Barry Cahill
The Spinster and the Prophet: Florence Deeks, H.G. Wells, and the Mystery of the Purloined Past, A.B. McKillop
Uncertain Justice: Canadian Women and Capital Punishment, Beverley Boissery and F. Murray Greenwood
Unforeseen Legacies: Reuben Wells Leonard and the Leonard Foundation Trust, Bruce Ziff.
- 1999 **Colour-Coded: A Legal History of Racism in Canada, 1900-50**, Constance Backhouse
Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. VIII, in Honour of R.C.B. Risk, edited by G. Blaine Baker and Jim Phillips
Chief Justice W.R. Jaccett: By the Law of the Land, Richard Pound
Fulfilment, Memoirs of a Criminal Court Judge, David Vanek
- 1998 **White Man's Law: Native People in Nineteenth-Century Canadian Jurisprudence**, Sidney Haring
'Terror to Evil-Doers': Prisons and Punishments in Nineteenth-Century Ontario, Peter Oliver
- 1997 **'Race', Rights and the Law in the Supreme Court of Canada: Historical Case Studies**, James W. St.G. Walker
Married Women and Property Law in Victorian Ontario, Lori Chambers
Casual Slaughters and Accidental Judgments: Canadian War Crimes and Prosecutions, 1944-48, Patrick Brode
The Federal Court of Canada: A History, 1875-1992, Ian Bushnell
- 1996 **Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. VII, Inside the Law: Canadian Law Firms in Historical Perspective**, edited by Carol Wilton
Bad Judgment: The Case of Mr. Justice Leo Landreville, William Kaplan
Canadian State Trials, Vol. I, Law, Politics and Security Measures 1608-1837, edited by F. Murray Greenwood and Barry Wright
- 1995 **Just Lawyers: Seven Portraits**, David R. Williams
Northern Justice: The Memoirs of Mr. Justice William G. Morrow, edited by W.H. Morrow
Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. VI, British Columbia and the Yukon, edited by Hamar Foster and John McLaren
A Deep Sense of Wrong, The Treason, Trials, and Transportation to New South Wales of Lower Canadian Rebels After the 1838 Rebellion, Beverley Boissery



- 1994 **A Passion for Justice: The Legacy of James Chalmers McRuer**, Patrick Boyer
Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. V., Crime and Criminal Justice, edited by Jim Phillips, Tina Loo & Susan Lewthwaite
The Life and Times of Arthur Maloney: The Last of the Tribunes, Charles Pullen (*out of print*)
The Politics of Codification: The Lower Canadian Civil Code of 1866, Brian Young
- 1993 **Legacies of Fear: Law and Politics in Quebec in the Era of the French Revolution**, F. Murray Greenwood
Policing Canada's Century: A History of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, Greg Marquis
- 1992 **Speedy Justice: The Tragic Last Voyage of His Majesty's Vessel Speedy**, Brendan O'Brien
Provincial Justice: Upper Canadian Legal Portraits from the Dictionary of Canadian Biography, edited by Robert Fraser
- 1991 **Petticoats and Prejudice: Women and Law in Nineteenth-Century Canada**, Constance Backhouse
- 1990 **Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. III, Nova Scotia**, edited by Philip Girard and Jim Phillips (*Now available in paperback*)
Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. IV, Beyond the Law, Lawyers and Business in Canada 1830-1930, edited by Carol Wilton
- 1989 **The Genesis of the Canadian Criminal Code of 1892**, Desmond Brown
The Odyssey of John Anderson, Patrick Brode
- 1988 **Middleton: The Beloved Judge**, John Arnup
 See also 2009
- 1987 **The Fiercest Debate: Cecil A. Wright, the Benchers and Legal Education in Ontario, 1923-1957**, C. Ian Kyer and Jerome Bickenbach
- 1986 **Mr. Attorney: The Attorney General for Ontario in Court, Cabinet and Legislature, 1791-1899**, Paul Romney
The Case of Valentine Shortis: A True Story of Crime and Politics in Canada, Martin Friedland
- 1985 **The Supreme Court of Canada: History of the Institution**, James Snell and Frederick Vaughan
- 1984 **Sir John Beverley Robinson: Bone and Sinew of the Compact**, Patrick Brode
Duff, A Life in the Law, David R. Williams (*out of print*)
- 1983 **Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. II**, edited by David H. Flaherty (*Now available in paperback*)
- 1982 **Cornerstones of Order: Courthouses and Town Halls of Ontario, 1784-1914**, Marion MacRae & Anthony Adamson
- 1981 **Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. I**, edited by David H. Flaherty

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The eighteenth Annual Patrons' Dinner was held on May 21st, 2013 at Osgoode Hall in the Benchers' Dining Room. The dinner was hosted by Thomas Conway, Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, and chaired by R. Roy McMurtry, president of the Society. The purpose of the dinner is to honour Society Patrons whose generosity makes possible the continuation of much of the Society's work, including the publication of optional extras. The Osgoode Society thanks the Law Society of Upper Canada for hosting and sponsoring the Patrons' Dinner.

The Stuart Thom Fund



In 1998, following receipt of two generous gifts from the estates of Stuart Thom and his wife, Lian, the Osgoode Society established the Stuart Thom Fund. In 1999 and 2000 further grants from the Thom estates totalling

\$50,000.00, brought the total contribution to \$100,000.00. This generosity, unequalled among our personal donors, will go a considerable distance to help ensure that the Osgoode Society is able to carry on its work for many years to come. Details about the current state of the Fund are presented in our Financial Statements.

The Society hopes that other possible benefactors may see fit to follow this example and to remember the Society in their estate planning. All donations and bequests will receive charitable receipts for income tax purposes.

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The Society offers or administers a number of awards.

R. Roy McMurtry Fellowship. In 2013 we awarded the sixth R. Roy McMurtry Fellowship in Canadian Legal History. This fellowship was created on the occasion of the retirement as Chief Justice of Ontario of the Hon. R. Roy McMurtry. It honours the contribution to Canadian legal history of the founder of the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History and its current President. The fellowship was established by Chief Justice McMurtry's friends and colleagues, and endowed by private donations and the Law Foundation of Ontario. The fellowship is to support graduate (preferably doctoral) students or those with a recently completed doctorate, to conduct research in Canadian legal history, for one year. The 2013 co-winners were Edward Cavanagh, a PhD student at the University Ottawa who is working on the history of chartered companies in Canada, with specific reference to their role in land settlement and the development of doctrines related to aboriginal dispossession. And Joseph Dunlop, who recently obtained his PhD from Oxford, and will be a Fellow at Emanuel College, University of Toronto working on the role played by Catholic politicians in the various law reforms related to sexuality in the 1960s and 1970s.

The Osgoode Society congratulates the winners, chosen from a very strong field of applicants, and is delighted that the fellowship has been awarded to such worthy researchers.

Peter Oliver Prize. The Peter Oliver Prize in Canadian Legal History is named for the Society's founding editor-in-chief, and awarded annually for published work in Canadian legal history written by a student. Students in any discipline and at any stage





of their careers are eligible. The co-winners for 2013 were Susan McKelvey, *'Creating the Myth of Raceless Justice in the Murder Trial of R. v. Richardson, Sandwich, 1903,'* and David Steeves, *Maniacal Murderer or Death Dealing Car: The Case of Daniel Perry Samson, 1933-1935*. Both essays were published in Barrington Walker's, ed., *The African Canadian Legal Odyssey: Historical Essays*.

John T. Saywell Prize for Canadian Constitutional Legal History. This prize, established through the generosity of Professor Saywell's son John MacIntosh and in recognition of Professor Saywell's life-long commitment to the highest standards of scholarship in Canadian history and law, is given bi-annually to the best new book in Canadian legal history, broadly defined, that makes an important contribution to an understanding of the constitution and/or federalism.

The third winner of the Saywell Prize, for 2013, was Michael S. Cross, Professor Emeritus of History at Dalhousie University for, *The Morning Star of Memory: A Biography of Robert Baldwin*, (Oxford University Press, 2012) Professor Cross's masterful biography examines the personal and political life of the individual who, more than any other, brought the key constitutional advance of responsible government to the colonies of British North America.

Student Book Award

The Society in co-operation with Canadian law schools offers an annual book award to a graduating student deemed to have done excellent work in legal history. The Society provides one book from its back list and a current membership, including the annual publication, to such a student in each participating Canadian Law School.

Graduate Student Assistance Programme

The Society continues its Graduate Student Assistance programme intended to offer some financial assistance to graduate students doing research in Canadian legal history to travel to out-of-town archives. Applications are invited.

Research Support Programme

The Society in 2013 made the following grants:
 Charles Hoffman, \$1,000.00 for travel from Montreal to Ottawa for research at Library and Archives Canada.
 Patrick Connor, \$2,000.00 for data entry of research into the history of crime and punishment in Upper Canada.

The Society's Oral History Programme is a unique and invaluable source of information on all aspects of our legal past. The interviews have been used extensively in scholarly research and the programme has gained a wide reputation across Canada and beyond for the quality and scope of its work. Several of our programmes are privately funded, for example by law firms, judges' associations etc., and we are pleased to discuss possible sponsorship with interested parties.

We have been privileged over the past several years to have co-sponsored oral history programmes with several bodies and organizations. We thank the following: The Advocates' Society and The Ontario Conference of Judges.

From the programme's inception, most of the interviews have been carried out by Christine Kates. For the past few years we have also been fortunate to be able to employ the skills of Cynthia Smith. We are now using a third interviewer, Rosemary Legris. The assistance of volunteer interviewers remains important. If you wish to act as a volunteer interviewer, please contact the Society.

The number of legal professionals interviewed through the programme since 1979 now totals 584, with approximately 90,300 pages of transcript. For a complete listing of all interviews conducted for the Osgoode Society oral history programme, please contact Marilyn MacFarlane at mmacfarl@lsuc.on.ca.

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Completed Interviews in 2013

IN-DEPTH

Mr. Richard Potter
Mr. Ronald Manes
Mr. Kenneth Swan
Madam Justice Katherine Swinton
Mr. Julian Porter
Mr. Julian Falconer
Prof. Richard Risk
Mr. Paul Copeland

Markham project

Ms. Martha Mingay

SPONSORED PROJECTS

Ontario Court of Justice History project

The Hon. Minoo Khoorshed

The Advocates' Society

Mr. Peter Cronyn
Ms. Sandra Forbes
Ms. Marie Henein
Mr. Mark Lerner

In Progress

IN-DEPTH

Mr. Raj Anand

Treasurer's project

Ms. Laurie Pawlitzka

SPONSORED PROJECTS

Ontario Court of Justice History project

The Hon. J. Bark
The Hon. I. Hansen
The Hon. S. Nosanchuk
The Hon. Peter Griffiths

Attorney General (Ontario) project

Ms. Janet Minor

Directors and Annual Meeting

Meetings of the Board of Directors were held on January 17th, April 30, and September 18. The Annual Meeting of Members of the Society took place on June 4 at Osgoode Hall.

The following were unanimously elected as Directors of the Osgoode Society:

The Hon. Robert Armstrong, Court of Appeal for Ontario
The Hon. Kenneth Binks, Low, Murchison LLP
Dr. Susan Binnie
Mr. David Chernos, Chernos Flaherty & Svonkin LLP
Mr. J. Doug Ewart
Ms. Violet French, Torkin Manes LLP
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Professor Philip Girard, Osgoode Hall Law School
Mr. William Kaplan
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Ms. Virginia MacLean, Q.C., Barrister & Solicitor
Ms. Patricia McMahon
The Hon. R. Roy McMurtry, Gowlings LLP
Mr. Dana Peebles, McCarthy Tetrault LLP
The Hon. Paul Perell, Superior Court of Justice
The Hon. Paul H. Reinhardt, Ontario Court of Justice

Mr. Joel Richler, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP
Mr. William Ross, WeirFoulds LLP
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Ms. Mary Stokes, Legge & Legge
The Hon. Michael Tulloch, Court of Appeal for Ontario

(The Treasurer of The Law Society of Upper Canada, and the Attorney General for Ontario Professor Jim Phillips, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, are directors ex officio.)

The annual meeting was addressed by Mr. Roy McMurtry on his book, *Memoirs & Reflections*.

Once again, the Directors of the Society thank the Law Foundation of Ontario and the Law Society of Upper Canada for their encouragement and support and express their gratitude to the Patrons and Benefactors of the Society and to sustaining members. And we thank our solicitors, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, for their continuing guidance and advice.

The Directors welcome inquiries and suggestions on any aspect of the work of the Society.
Osgoode Hall. May 2014





THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2013

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History, which comprise the statement of financial position at December 31, 2013 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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Basis for Qualified Opinion

As with many charitable organizations, the Society derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of donations was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations, operations for the year, assets and net assets.

Qualified opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History as at December 31, 2013 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monte-Lisi & Smith".

Toronto, Ontario
March 31, 2014

Chartered Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants



THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

(Incorporated without share capital under the laws of the Province of Ontario)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Stuart Thom Fund \$	Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund \$	Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund \$	John T. Saywell Prize Fund \$	John T. Saywell Endowment \$	Honourable R. Roy McMurry Legal History Fellowship Fund \$	2013 \$
	Note 2	Note 2	Note 3	Note 4	Note 4	Note 5	
ASSET							
CURRENT							
Cash	96,120	-	-	199	-	22,217	118,496
Investments (Notes 6)	25,527	187,565	4,927	6,173	25,000	466,933	681,482
Accounts receivable	48,968	-	-	-	-	-	48,968
Prepaid expenses	341,787	-	-	-	-	-	341,787
Publication inventory (Note 7)	38,964	-	-	-	-	-	38,964
	553,426	187,565	4,927	6,332	25,000	489,150	1,231,877
	141	-	-	-	-	-	141
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 8)	553,567	187,565	4,927	6,332	25,000	489,150	1,231,878
LIABILITIES							
CURRENT							
Account payable and accrued liabilities	53,843	-	-	-	-	-	53,843
Deferred revenue	480,627	-	-	-	-	-	480,627
	544,470	-	-	-	-	-	544,470
NET ASSETS	9,997	187,565	4,927	6,332	25,000	489,150	687,348

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS:


Director


Director

See accompanying notes





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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2012

	General	Stuart Thom Fund	Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund	Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund	John T. Saywell Prize Fund	John T. Saywell Endowment	Honourable R. Riny McMurtry Legal History Fellowship Fund	2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ASSET								
CURRENT								
Cash	124,975	-	23,900	-	-	-	13,606	162,481
Investments	-	100,000	105,279	5,496	7,840	25,000	470,000	713,615
Accounts receivable	38,429	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,429
Prepaid expenses	219,502	-	-	-	-	-	-	219,502
Publication inventory (Note 7)	57,825	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,825
	440,731	100,000	129,179	5,496	7,840	25,000	483,606	1,191,652
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 8)	206	-	-	-	-	-	-	206
	440,937	100,000	129,179	5,496	7,840	25,000	483,606	1,192,058
LIABILITIES								
CURRENT								
Account payable and accrued liabilities	38,429	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,429
Deferred revenue	363,411	-	-	-	-	-	-	363,411
	401,840	-	-	-	-	-	-	401,840
NET ASSETS	9,097	100,000	129,179	5,496	7,840	25,000	483,606	760,218

See accompanying notes

THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Stuart Thom Fund	Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund	Stuart Thom Preter Oliver Memorial Student Fund	John T. Saywell Prize Fund	John T. Saywell Endowment	Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship Fund	2013
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE							
The Law Foundation of Ontario grants	198,486	-	-	-	-	-	198,486
Membership fees	64,540	-	-	-	-	-	64,540
Book sales	28,720	-	-	-	-	-	28,720
Fundraising	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	25,000
Expense recoveries	11,522	-	-	-	-	-	11,522
Investment income	2,752	-	-	482	-	6,068	9,312
Donations	617	-	-	-	-	6,000	6,617
Provincial Judges grant	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
	336,637	-	-	482	-	12,068	348,197
EXPENDITURES							
Society programmes							
Publications (Note 7)	144,816	-	-	-	-	-	144,816
Oral history	48,127	-	-	-	-	-	48,127
Editorial and programme support	34,982	-	-	-	-	-	34,982
Membership and promotion	23,657	-	-	-	-	-	23,657
Grants and awards (Notes 2, 3, 4, and 5)	-	10,957	569	2,000	-	6,500	20,026
Research support	15,682	-	-	-	-	-	15,682
Receptions	5,279	-	-	-	-	-	5,279
	272,543	10,957	569	2,000	-	6,500	292,569
Administration							
Administration services	58,900	-	-	-	-	-	58,900
Office	36,334	-	-	-	-	24	36,358
Professional fees	20,184	-	-	-	-	-	20,184
Website	-	10,657	-	-	-	-	10,657
Supplies	2,602	-	-	-	-	-	2,602
Bad Debt	732	-	-	-	-	-	732
Amortization	65	-	-	-	-	-	65
	118,817	10,657	-	-	-	24	129,498
Total expenditures	391,360	21,614	569	2,000	-	6,524	422,067
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(54,723)	(21,614)	(569)	(1,508)	-	5,544	(72,870)

See accompanying notes





THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	General	Stuart Thom Fund	Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund	Stuart Thom Prifer Oliver Memorial Student Fund	John T. Saywell Prize Fund	John T. Saywell Endowment	Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship Fund	2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE								
The Law Foundation of Ontario	202,104	-	-	-	-	-	-	202,104
Membership fees	45,755	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,755
Book Sales	26,177	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,177
Fundraising	28,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,000
Expense recoveries	8,587	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,587
Provincial Judges grant	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Investment income	3,536	-	-	-	539	-	5,501	9,516
Donations	740	-	-	-	100	-	6,000	6,840
	319,909	-	-	-	639	-	11,501	332,049
EXPENDITURES								
Society programmes								
Publication	113,575	-	8,430	-	-	-	-	122,005
Oral history	52,126	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,126
Editorial and programme support	34,554	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,554
Research support	10,257	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,257
Membership and promotion	16,000	-	3,317	-	-	-	-	19,317
Grants and awards	-	-	4,340	296	-	-	11,660	16,296
Receptions	5,948	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,948
	232,530	-	16,087	296	-	-	11,660	260,573
Administration								
Administration services	56,550	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,550
Office	27,816	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,816
Professional fees	25,598	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	27,598
Website	6,189	-	8,218	-	-	-	-	14,407
Supplies	5,794	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,794
Amortization	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	106
Bad Debt	531	-	-	-	-	-	-	531
	122,574	-	10,218	-	-	-	-	132,792
Total expenditures	355,104	-	26,305	296	-	-	11,660	393,365
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(35,195)	-	(26,305)	(296)	639	-	(1,559)	(61,316)

See accompanying notes

THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	General	Shawt Thoms Fund	Shawt Thoms Special Projects Fund	Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund	John T. Snywell Prize Fund	John T. Snywell Endowment	Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship Fund	2012	2013
NET ASSETS	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Beginning of the year	1,057	100,000	125,179	5,456	7,540	25,000	480,506	750,218	821,524
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(54,703)	-	(21,614)	(555)	(1,508)	-	5,344	(72,570)	(61,215)
Transfers (Note 2)	54,703	(54,703)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
End of year	1,057	45,297	107,565	4,901	6,032	25,000	485,850	687,648	760,309

See accompanying notes



THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
CASH, beginning of the year	876,096	951,964
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Grants	304,341	382,241
Membership and book sales	77,518	72,991
Fundraising and donations	25,617	28,740
Investment income	2,752	3,536
John T. Saywell Prize	(1,508)	639
Special projects	(3,332)	(1,442)
Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship	(3,956)	(4,499)
Membership	(29,727)	(21,187)
Oral history	(36,833)	(47,312)
Editorial, programme and research support	(50,496)	(45,215)
Administrative	(137,059)	(131,275)
Publication	(223,515)	(313,085)
	(76,198)	(75,868)
CASH, end of the year	799,898	876,096
CASH CONSISTS OF:		
Cash	118,496	162,481
Investments, other	681,402	713,615
	799,898	876,096

See accompanying notes



THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Society was formed to study and promote public interest in the history of the law, the legal profession and the judiciary in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada and to stimulate research and publication on these subjects.

The Society meets these objectives by publishing books on Canadian legal history, sponsoring the collection of oral histories from individuals within the legal community, maintaining a website devoted to Canadian legal history, providing research and publication grants, and sponsoring and hosting legal history seminars.

The Society is incorporated, without share capital, under Letters Patent. The Society has been granted tax exempt status as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act of Canada (the "Act"). In order to maintain the exempt status under the Act, the Society must meet certain requirements within the Act. In the opinion of management, these requirements have been met.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations and are in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

(a) Fund accounting

The Association uses fund accounting. General activities are reflected in the General Fund.

(b) Investments

Investments consist of Guaranteed Investment Certificates. Investments are initially recorded at cost with interest recorded as earned.

(c) Publication inventory

Inventory, which consists of books available for sale, is carried at the lower of cost and net realizable value, as measured using the specific identification method

(d) Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided annually at rates calculated to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Office equipment	20% declining balance
Computer equipment	45% declining balance

(e) Financial instruments

The Society's financial instruments comprise cash, investments, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and deferred contributions.

Cash, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and deferred contributions are reported at the fair value at the balance sheet date, which equates to the carrying value.



THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(f) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized when it is received or receivable, if the amount can be reasonably estimated and if collection is reasonably assured. Deferred revenue represents the portion of grants not yet expended as required.

Membership fees are recognized as revenue when application for membership is received. Each member is entitled to receive the 'membership book' of the year as part of their membership fee.

Grants are recognized as revenue in the period to which they relate, or when costs for which the funds were granted are expensed.

Book sales are recognized as revenue when the books are shipped.

Fundraising is recognized as revenue when it is received.

Donations are recognized as revenue when received.

Investment income is recognized as revenue in period in which it is earned.

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

The Society considers deposits in banks and investments in certificates of deposit as cash and cash equivalents.

(h) Contributed goods and services

Volunteers contribute numerous hours each year to assist the Society in carrying out its activities. The fair value of the contributed services cannot be reasonably estimated and is not recognized in the financial statements.

The Law Society of Upper Canada provides office services to the Society, including rent, telephone and computer assistance, the fair market value of which is not readily available. As such, the value recorded is the amount actually paid.

2. STUART THOM FUND AND STUART THOM SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND

The Stuart Thom Fund was established in 1998 from funds donated by the Thom family and from a portion of net assets restricted by the Board of Directors. For ease and efficiency of managing the investments, these funds have been commingled with the Society's investments (see Note 6).

The Society is entitled to use the investment income from The Stuart Thom Fund for its operations. At its discretion, the Board of Directors may allocate investment income and any other amounts, to the Fund. For fiscal 2013, no investment income (2012 - \$nil) was allocated to the Stuart Thom Fund. \$65,380 of net assets were transferred to General Fund to fund the deficit incurred in the year.

The Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund was established by the Board of Directors in 2009 and represents an allocation of net assets previously restricted by the Board as part of the Stuart Thom Fund. This fund is to be used for projects that significantly advance the mission of the Society, to a maximum of \$30,000 per annum. For ease and efficiency of managing the investments, these funds have been commingled with the Society's investments.



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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

2. STUART THOM FUND AND STUART THOM SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND, continued

The Society is entitled to use the investment income from The Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund for its operations. At its discretion, the Board of Directors may allocate investment income and any other amounts to the Fund. For fiscal 2013 no investment income (2012 - \$Nil) was allocated to the Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund.

3. PETER OLIVER MEMORIAL STUDENT FUND

The Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund was created by the Society in 2006 to provide an annual award for published work by a student, or students, in the field of Canadian legal history. The award includes a copy of the current year's publication, a copy of the Peter Oliver Essay volume and any five books from the back publications list.

4. JOHN T. SAYWELL PRIZE FUND

The John T. Saywell Prize for Canadian Constitutional Legal History ("Saywell Prize") was created in 2008. An award of \$2,000 is granted bi-annually to the best new book in Canadian legal history which makes an important contribution to an understanding of the constitution and or federalism. The prize is to be funded from investment income on a \$25,000 endowment and related restricted contributions.

The \$25,000 contribution received in 2008 for the Saywell Endowment Fund is subject to externally imposed restrictions stipulating that the resource is to be maintained permanently. Investment income on this balance is restricted to fund the John T. Saywell Prize for Canadian Constitutional Legal History and is included in revenue of the John T. Saywell Prize Fund.

The funds for the Saywell Prize and Saywell Endowment are invested in Guaranteed Investment Certificates, maturing August 17, 2015, earning interest at 1.5%.

5. HONOURABLE R. ROY MCMURTRY LEGAL HISTORY FELLOWSHIP FUND

The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship (the "McMurtry Fellowship") was established by the Society in 2006 to enable students and post-doctoral candidates in Canadian legal history to undertake or continue their studies, writing and research in the field.

Investment income earned on the funds represent restricted contributions to the fellowship.

The Law Society Foundation has agreed to provide an annual contribution to the McMurtry Fund of \$6,000, ending in 2015.

During the year the Directors chose to pay \$6,500 of the \$16,000 award from the McMurtry Fund with the balance, or \$9500, paid from the Thom Fund for Special Projects.

Under the terms of an Investment Services Agreement between Osgoode and the Law Society of Upper Canada (LSUC), LSUC manages the investments related to the McMurtry Fellowship.



THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

6. INVESTMENTS

Investments are carried at cost plus interest accrued to the balance sheet date.

Investments for the General Fund, Stuart Thom Fund, Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund and Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund are commingled for ease of management. These investments consist of Guaranteed Investment Certificates, maturing January 20, 2014 and earning rates of interest of 1.1% and 1.6%.

Investments for the Saywell Prize Fund consist of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate, maturing August 17, 2015, earning interest at 1.5%.

Investments for the Saywell Endowment consist of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate, maturing August 17, 2015, earning interest at 1.5%.

Investments of The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship (the "McMurtry Fellowship") consist of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate, maturing September 6, 2015. The GIC earns interest of 1.3% in the first year and 1.55% in the second year.

7. PUBLICATION INVENTORY

Included in publication programme costs is a write down of \$36,538 (2012 - \$37,700) required to reflect inventory at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

8. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2013	Net 2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office equipment	2,344	2,257	87	109
Computer equipment	1,880	1,826	54	97
	<u>4,224</u>	<u>4,083</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>206</u>

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the Society paid \$10,000 as research support on behalf of a Director of the Society. The transaction was recorded at the exchange value.

10. COMMITMENTS

The Society fulfills its mandate in part through providing research grants. As at December 31, 2013, the Society has outstanding commitments totaling \$3,308 (2012 - \$6,155) to be expended on research and related projects.

A contract has been signed for the purchase of future publications in the amount of \$12,000. The balance of contracts for the 2014 publications are still in negotiations.

The Society is party to an agreement to produce a publication planned for the 2014 year. The agreement requires a final payment of \$25,000 be made in 2014. Funding for the project has been secured through a grant from the Law Foundation of Ontario.

These amounts have not been recognized as a liability of the Society as the terms requiring payment have not been met.



THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Society's financial investments comprise short term deposits, the main purpose of which is to provide financing for the organization's activities. It is the Society's policy that investments are redeemed as cash flow dictates. The Society has various other financial assets and liabilities such as accounts receivables and accounts payables, which arise directly from operations. The main risk arising from the Society's financial instruments are interest rate risk and credit risk.

(a) Interest Rate Risk Exposure

Exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates to the Society's cash and investment balances. The Society manages this risk by investing in fixed rate investment instruments.

(b) Credit Risk Exposure

Credit risk on the financial assets of the Society equates to the carrying amount. The Society carries receivables from members of the organization and recognized third parties. Receivable balances are monitored on a regular basis to minimize the exposure to bad debt. Credit risk associated with cash and investments is limited to the risk of default by the counter party, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these assets.

12. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain of the prior year's figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.



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