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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that the convention is over, we can look forward to a much quieter, saner year. I am happy to report that the convention was very successful. On the whole our guests from the other regional branches found the convention to be both informative and successful. Somehow, we managed to live through the weekend without any major disasters, also many of us without much sleep. I want to express my thanks to the members of Niagara Regional Branch who helped with the convention - you certainly performed a yeoman's service. We may be a small branch but our membership made up for it both in enthusiasm and hard work.

A special pat on the back goes to Andrew Porteus, our convention chairman, who was the main driving force towards planning a successful convention. Andrew was always available to help out any committee and did many extra jobs which fall into that catch - all category - other related duties - in the convention chairman's job description. Perhaps sympathy and understanding should go to Andrew's wife, Catherine. After all, she did put up with Andrew and his plans during the convention year. For that matter, she is still putting up with Andrew's enthusiasm for the Association and his habit of volunteering for almost every committee going.

As for upcoming events, we have a tour of the new Hamilton Public Library planned for October 7th, 1981. Near Christmas we will be having our annual Christmas dinner. Later on we would like to arrange for a demonstration of Telidon. Otherwise we have no great plans. Any ideas for workshops, tours etc. will be greatly appreciated. Also let us know where you would like to go for Christmas dinner this year. Contact either Andrew or myself with your ideas.

On the provincial scene, it was of course quiet over the summer. We held our last meeting in June where the groundwork for the "Proposal for Change" Committee, and the "Essay Contest" Committee was done. Andrew Porteus is Niagara's representative on the "Proposal for Change" Committee. For those who have not heard of the "Proposal for Change," it is a major document put forth by members of our association to make major changes to the constitution. If you are interested in seeing it, both Andrew and I have a copy, and a synopsis was included in Vol. 4, no. 2 of this newsletter (April 1981).

The "Essay Contest" Committee is being chaired by Andrew (yet another for him!), the originator of the idea. You will be hearing more from this committee in the future. In the meantime, consider topics that you could do a research essay on.

Lastly, the NRB has been asked to prepare the convention newsletter for the provincial. Because this issue will deal mainly with convention items, the Provincial Executive felt that our branch would be the logical one to put it together. Andrew and I are acting as co-editors. We will be calling you or perhaps already have called on you to ask for a brief description of the

workshops that you attended. Fortunately, most of the content is already done for us - therefore, our task will be made slightly easier - but still lots of work.

In closing, I remind you of our upcoming meeting on October 7th - please make every effort to come out. I would like to ask other members of the branch to give either Andrew or me a call to help us out with the newsletter, or any of the other work of the branch (or Provincial) that you would like to do.

Liz Aldrey, President/Director.

NEXT MEETING

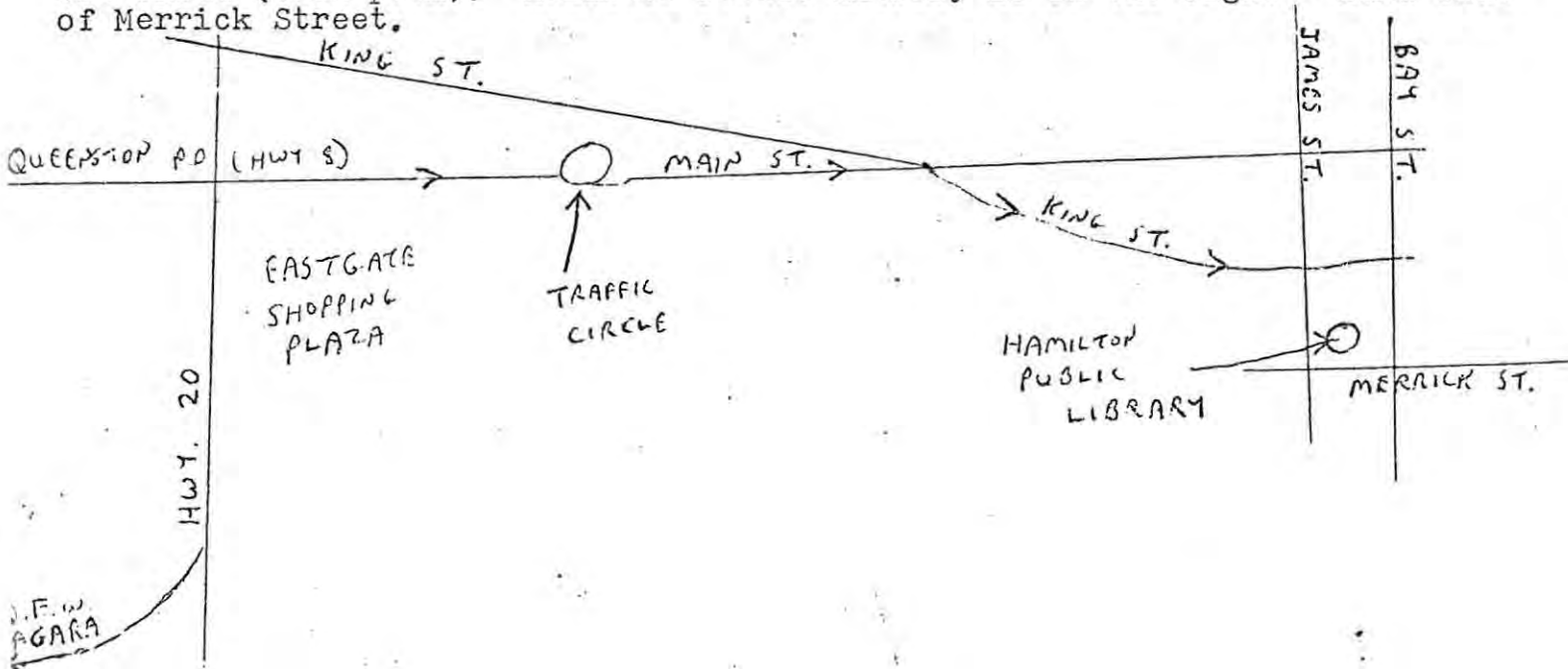
The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton Public Library. There will be a short business meeting followed by a tour of the library. Directions below.

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors and Provincial Executive will be held on Saturday October 3 at 9:00 a.m. at Orchard View P.L., at Eglinton and Yonge. All members are invited to attend these meetings.

ROUTE TO HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Take the Q.E.W. to Highway 20 (Centennial Drive). Turn right onto Queenston Road (Highway 8). At the traffic circle take the Main St. W. exit. Main St. and King St. will cross (at this point Main becomes one-way East bound and King becomes one-way West bound) - take King St. (Stay in the right two lanes) through downtown Hamilton to Bay St. Take Bay Street to Merrick for one block (then park). Hamilton Public Library is on the right-hand side of Merrick Street.



COMMENTS ON THE CONVENTION (BY THE DELEGATES)

The workshops were too good to miss - I wish we could have attended more!
Both time and places for getting together were great.
Workshops were informative - arrangements and luncheon good.
Extremely pleasant hosts.
Well organized - for a small group NRB did extremely well.
Irving Layton - he was very good.
I consider that Irving Layton was a disaster.
This was just a terrific conference/convention - NRB is to be congratulated!
(There will be more at the meeting October 7 - see you there!)