

ACMLA Historical Maps Committee Report for 2007/2008

Committee Members:

Dan Duda (Memorial)	<i>Chair</i>
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Historical Maps Moved

The move of the historical maps, original and bird's eye view series, is now complete. The original series is housed at McMaster University with no more than 50 copies of each map being kept. The surplus was distributed amongst the members of ACMLA in packages of roughly 100 each. The bird's eye views are now housed at the University of Alberta.

Thank you to Colleen Beard (Brock) and Marc Cockburn (LAC) for spearheading this major project. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make it happen: Elizabeth Doyle, Nathalie Leblond, Susanne Cyr, and Anik Chénier from LAC; Heather McAdam, Beth Ray, Sandy Jones, and Joel Rivard from Carleton; Grace Welch (Honorary member) and Betty Kidd. Thanks also to Erin Forward (Ottawa) and Gord Beck (McMaster) for their planning assistance.

Notes

- A "Permissions Policy for Facsimile Reproduction" is close to being finalized. When it is ready, I'll send a note out to the members via the list-serv.
- Mailing tubes – Canada Post prefers triangular or rectangular "tubes" for shipping, thus their fees for the traditional round tubes are higher. However, the cost for the preferred tubes is much higher than the cost for round tubes. I will be looking into this further to see what is the best deal for mail-outs.
- Hamilton Bird's Eye View – Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society are interested in sponsoring a new bird's eye view of Hamilton after the current one is sold out. I will be looking into this soon to see where they are at with their sales and plans.
- I am still trying to track down any bird's eye view of any community in the province of Saskatchewan, the only province not represented in the series. If any member has information that can help me with this, please contact me.

Sales (prepared by Gord Beck)

Total Transactions	44
Total Maps Sold	598
Total Sales (including fees charged for postage)	\$3,908.00
Total Money Collected	\$3,833.25
Bad Debts (2 unpaid invoices)	\$65.00
Postage Charged	\$292.50
Actual Cost of Postage	\$350.61

Sales this year remained constant and relatively unchanged from last year's levels. Brad Green, owner of *World of Maps Inc.*, continues to be our largest buyer of facsimiles with approximately 250 maps purchased this year. This accounts for more than one third of our overall sales. Other

purchasers included museums, provincial parks, schools and libraries as well as sales to individuals.

Bird's-Eye Views:

The Hamilton *Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society* purchased all but 40 of our remaining stock of the Hamilton bird's-eye view and is interested in sponsoring a different "view" of Hamilton in the near future.

The Saint John's bird's-eye view was reprinted this year but so far has not generated many sales. This is primarily due to the fact that our best customer for this facsimile has always been the Centre for Newfoundland Studies at Memorial University who happens to be the body responsible for sponsoring this reprint. The Centre was therefore provided with 200 copies of the view and I am sure once their stock depletes our sales will increase.

Expenses:

Costs for shipping the stock of facsimiles from LAC to McMaster and the University of Alberta are unknown to me but can be provided by the Treasurer and will have to be factored into the equation of this year's sales.

Mailing tubes were supplied again this year free of charge by McMaster University Library. No suitable, economically feasible alternative has been found so far to replace the tubes in order to avoid the additional \$1.00 charge imposed by Canada Post last year. As a result, we may want to consider raising the fee charged for postage to \$8.00 from the current \$7.50 in order to avoid taking a loss. This year the actual cost of postage was greater than that charged by a total of \$58.11. If we divide the total number of transactions by the total amount paid in postage the average postage charge comes to \$7.97.

Despite reminder notices sent by e-mail and regular mail, we had 2 unpaid invoices this year amounting to a loss of \$65.00. This has only occurred once before since I assumed the position of distributor in 2001 and I do not believe it to be cause for alarm or a change in procedures.

Items of Interest:

Our facsimile #96, "Railway Map of Alberta (1916)", is to be used in Pearson Canada's upcoming publication, An Anthology of Canadian Literature in English.

A copy of facsimile #20, "A Survey of the River Detroit From Lake Erie to Lake St. Clair", was donated to the Detroit River-Western Lake Erie Indicator Project which is a partnership between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and many others who will be using an image from the map in a publication and on a website.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of this committee, Gord Beck, Nathalie Leblond, and Cheryl Woods for their work and support. Again a big thank you to everyone involved with the move of the historical maps into their new homes, especially Colleen Beard and Marc Cockburn for organizing it.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Historical Maps Committee