

## Editor's Note

The subject of our cultural heritage— and the threat of its loss to future generations—did not receive much coverage during the recent federal election campaign, despite the efforts of this Foundation and many of its members.

All parties seemed to have dropped the cultural ball. In light of this, our upcoming conference, *The Stewardship of Heritage Buildings: Are We Committed?*, becomes all the more relevant. If we are going to be successful at developing what our keynote speaker, Anthony Tung, calls a “culture of conservation,” then all levels of government must adopt a leadership role. The lead feature article in this issue, “Prince William Street: A Catalyst for Change,” tells how municipal legislation—the preservation by-law of the City of Saint John, New Brunswick—shaped the rehabilitation of its city centre.

It is also incumbent upon our private institutions to conserve those buildings that contribute significantly to the heritage of our communities. This edition looks at two historic buildings currently threatened with demolition: South House, the 135-year-old administration building of the Rothesay Netherwood School in New Brunswick, and the Sisters of Loretto Convent, a landmark limestone building atop “Catholic Hill” in Guelph, Ontario. The Endangered Places section begins on page 17.

On a lighter note, and in keeping with the season, we have included a feature on some of those century-old hotels and inns that evoke thoughts of long and lazy summer days when fishing, paddling and a wicker chair on the deck were all that the senses required. The story of how these grand old inns are trying to meet the expectations of today’s ever more demanding traveller is told in “Summer Hotels—Then and Now.”

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