

Large crowd attends opening at Ont. Agricultural Museum

Close to 1,000 people attended the official opening of the Ontario Agricultural Museum in Milton Sunday afternoon.

Three provincial cabinet ministers were among those taking part in the official opening. Minister of Government Services Jim Snow, retiring Minister of Agriculture and Food William Stewart and Solicitor-General George Kerr proclaimed the opening and unveiled a plaque.

The museum is designed to preserve and display farm machinery and reflect the farming life of years ago. It is situated on a 92-acre site south of Highway 401 at Milton Heights. The complex cost \$1.8 million to build.

Mr. Stewart paid tribute to a number of people who he said were instrumental in getting the museum "on the tracks" and finally constructed.

He recalled a 1963 visit to Saskatoon where he saw an agricultural museum in operation. "I wondered why,

we did not have something like that in our province. It took us from 1963 to 1975 to get it, but we have a dandy."

He told the crowd the museum was the result of long, arduous hours put in by many people. "They were committed to an idea."

He paid special tributes to Bob Carbert, General Manager of the Museum and Dave Pallett, Chairman of the Museum Advisory Board for their efforts.

He recalled his own days growing up on a farm and the hard work involved prior to mechanization having its effects on farm life.

The minister, a farmer himself, spoke of cutting corn by hand, working with teams of horses and the threshing bees that were common years ago.

While Stewart welcomed changes in technology as a great thing for the farming community, he noted "It's nice to preserve the things of

the past. Just as the beaver opened the way for settlement."

Solicitor General George Kerr also recalled the early developments leading up to the museum. He told the crowd Steam-Era representatives were instrumental in getting the project started.

The site, he said, was a natural one for the building and tied in well with the annual Steam-Era. He said club representatives had visited both him and Agriculture Minister Stewart, making the pitch for a place to house artifacts.

Kerr introduced Jim Snow who, he said, is commonly known as the landlord for the province and is in charge of acquiring land for such things as the museum.

Referring to the upcoming provincial election Kerr said Snow's timing for the opening was to be congratulated.

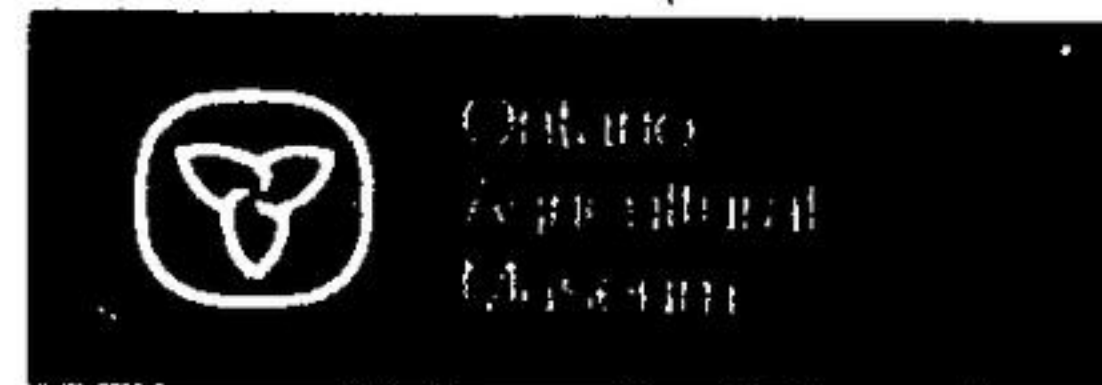
Snow described the museum complex: "The

single-storey museum building contains some 20,000 square feet of gross floor space and consists of two large adjoining wings and a partial mezzanine. In addition to extensive exhibition space, this building houses a workshop for the construction of exhibits and the restoration of machinery, as well as an implement storage area and administration offices.

Development of the museum lands has been carried out in two main stages, with the first stage comprising preliminary preparation of the site. This work was completed during the summer of 1973 by students of the Heavy Equipment School, Milton Campus, of Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology in Oakville.

Many services Subsequent site development has continued since the fall of 1974 and has provided for the construction of a variety of facilities and services. These include electrical, telephone and fire alarm systems; water mains, fire hydrants and storm drainage; landscaping, a picnic shelter, roads, walks and parking accommodation for over 500 vehicles," he pointed out.

Further development of the site will see completion of an historic park where farm houses and buildings representing various regions and periods are to be located. The Ministry of Agriculture and Food will acquire the buildings and be responsible for their restoration and furnishing.



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Matthews collection is nucleus of museum

The Charles Matthews collection of artifacts, steam and gasoline powered machinery in a unique one. The purchase of these articles in 1971 by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food made it possible for a museum to be built to preserve the farming heritage of Ontario. The collection includes many items that show the evolution of machinery for the farm.

The Matthews family have been entrepreneurs for the past 1200 years. Their blacksmithing in Canada and blacksmithing and carriage building for centuries before in England brought about an appreciation of the art which had not been recognized before.

From his home and office on four and a half acres in Langstaff (now Thornhill), the late Charles Matthews operated a construction and housemoving business. He moved not only houses but also stores, churches, portable school rooms, dredges, lakeboats, etc. For the Ontario Agricultural Museum, the Matthews firm

moved the Lucas House from Burlington to its site on the Museum's land.

Buy, sell, trade Behind the business-front was the inner passion for collecting the unusual. Mr. Matthews was constantly searching out, buying, selling or trading anything he felt was worthy of preservation.

His two surviving sons, Charles H. and Roger, recall that telephone calls placed by their father to all parts of the world were a common everyday occurrence. Mr. Matthews was a man of honor and his word was his seal of business. He would dispatch the money to the seller and wait for the goods to arrive. He, in turn, was never disappointed in a business transaction.

At Northampton, the family's shop produced many of the stylish cabs and carriages that have found their way to many parts of the world. A stagecoach now on loan to Black Creek Pioneer Village was once owned by the Matthews.

Dream unfulfilled To find a suitable home for

his collection, Charles Matthews purchased a farm in 1964 at Hawkestone, Ontario. He rebuilt the barn, erected airplane-style hangars for his huge locomotives and workshops for repairs. At one time he had hoped to open a museum but this dream did not materialize. The Ontario Government purchased the farm from him along with his collection, to help start the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto. Mr. Matthews died about a year later on March 16, 1966.

The collection of about 15,000 artifacts and the farm were later sold to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and this collection became the nucleus of the Ontario Agricultural Museum.

The two surviving sons, Charles and Roger carry on the family business in Toronto, still on the same site their father purchased 47 years ago. Mr. Matthews had converted a building on the property into a house for his family and built workshops around it.

back to the early 1850's and appears to have been patented. It was used to turn the sod at the museum last year and occupies a place of prominence in the museum's centre hall.

A farm implement seat that won world fame in 1918 when it was first demonstrated in England is from the Matthews collection and on display in the museum.

Pencil sketches by Bruce Lepper describe the rural scenes of Ontario and dried flower arrangements by Mrs. Vici Gudgeon are on display.

Many contribute, assist at new provincial museum

Many people have contributed to the Ontario Agriculture Museum in the way of exhibits and furnishings and in some instances, displays are loaned to the museum.

The opening ceremony Sunday was convened with a gavel made by W. C. Barrie of Cambridge. Mr. Barrie has

made more than 1,700 gavels and has given them to Prime Minister Trudeau, the President of the United States and Prime Minister of England to name a few. Dennis Weber of Kitchener

donated a Wormwith Player Piano made in Kingston in 1900. Quilt making in the family of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Meisner of Guelph is displayed in the stairwell of the museum. The North American German Heritage quilts were made between the years 1880 and 1975 by four generations of the family.

Slush scoop A relatively rare piece of primitive farm equipment is the slush scoop donated by Mr. and Mrs. Glen A. Wilson of Milton. The scoop dates

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