

Museum features Ontario's past

Ontario residents can now visit a museum that's different. It's a living museum that shows the evolution of the province's first industry—agriculture.

The Ontario Agricultural Museum, operated by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, is located on a site beside the Niagara escarpment, 5 kilometres west of Milton.

Construction began three years ago, and beginning May 14, the museum will be open to the public seven days a week.

"More than 10,000 visitors have toured the museum during the past two summers," says general manager Bob Carbert. "This is a 10-year development project, and we feel there are enough buildings completed now to make a several hour visit worthwhile."

Through private donations, loans and purchases, the museum has collected more than 12,000 artifacts. There is something to interest everyone, whether young or old, from urban or rural backgrounds.

"The displays in the Theme Hall are arranged to take the visitor through the changes in agricultural technology and rural life," says Mr. Carbert.

The displays move from the early Indian agriculture through the survey period and settlement of the province. As visitors wind their way through the corridors, they can see how the evolution of power from man power and horse power to wind, water, steam, gasoline and electricity affected agriculture.

One of the highlights of the power section is the Adam Beck Hydro Circus. This travelling road show was used as a sales tool to sell hydro electric power to the farm community.

Exhibit Hall also shows the development of the rural telephone system and gives the visitor glimpses of old Ontario's rural society through the services of the agricultural representative, the harness maker, the wheelwright and the veterinary surgeon.

In addition to Theme Hall, the museum is made up of a number of other buildings, including five display barns that house the largest collection of heavy farm machinery in the country.

"We have a special display area in one of the barns to show the development of the dairy equipment from the milking stool to the modern milking system."

If anyone is interested in crafts, a visit to the Weaver's House is a must. Demonstrations of



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THE VET'S OFFICE, as many displays in the museum, has been meticulously reconstructed.

pioneer crafts, such as weaving, spinning and dyeing, will be held daily in the log house.

A short ride on a tractor-pulled wagon takes visitors to the crossroads community which features a working blacksmith's shop, a shingle mill, and the Women's Institute Hall.

"We have plans to add a general store, a car-

riage house, a farm machinery dealership, a church and other services to the crossroads in the future," says Mr. Carbert.

The Ontario Agricultural Museum will be open all summer until after Thanksgiving weekend, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Group tours can be arranged by contacting the museum office at (416) 878-8151.

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