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John Lunn Chosen To Supervise Reconstruction Of Historic Site

John Lunn, associate curator of the Royal Ontario Museum for the past six years, and a resident of Richmond Hill, has been chosen by the Dominion government to be superintendent of a massive reconstruction programme at the Fortress of Louisburg national historic park, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

He will also be responsible for the field interpretation in the entire park, which has been expanded to encompass approximately 23 square miles, and includes the landing site of the forces in the sieges of 1745 and 1758, as well as the progressive positions of defence.

Mr. Lunn thoroughly understands the problems of interpreting history to the public visually and with imagination. Following graduation from the New College School, Oxford, he gained his senior matriculation with two distinctions at Magdalen College School, Oxford. He received an Honours B.A. in Modern History from Durham University, England, in 1949 and a post-graduate diploma in education from London University the following year. From 1950-52 he was involved in the establishment of a schools museum service for schools of all types and training colleges throughout Newport and the County of Monmouth.

The dramatic programme of restoration of the historic 18th century French fortress will include the establishment of a modern museum and will require several years to complete. Intensive research in the archives of the 18th century in North America as well as in Europe is being done to ensure the historical authenticity of the buildings and the interpretive programme will be developed progressively with the reconstruction of the fortress.

During the re-construction period the techniques of re-search and restoration will prove of intense interest to visitors, so it will be the superintendent's responsibility to develop a program to progressively interpret the work of re-construction as it develops. There will be a staff of guides and attendants, which ultimately might number 30-40 people, with the addition of 150 more for animation of some of the aspects of history in a "living" way.



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In the park at the present time there is a relatively small museum, which was developed in the 1940's. It is not considered satisfactory for the purpose of interpreting this national historic site, so that ultimately a substantial expository museum will be developed in another building — possibly within one of the restored structures for a few years, but ultimately in a large visitors' reception centre. The redevelopment of the exhibits in this museum and the development of new exhibits in the future museum will be one of Mr. Lunn's prime responsibilities.

From 1952 to 1957, Mr. Lunn was responsible for the Roman Verulamium Museum and the administrator of the 200-acre Roman city, including fortifications, houses and public buildings, theatre, church, temples, etc.; also excavations both within the fortress and of country houses and villas outside. He personally directed the large scale Insula XIII excavation in 1954-56 and Gorbambury Villa in 1956-57.

In 1957 Mr. Lunn produced several historical and other film-strips for the Canadian Department of Citizenship and Immigration and three on Canadian History and Institutions for the government section of the Canadian Pavilion at the Brussels World Fair in 1958.

During his association with the Royal Ontario Museum, Mr. Lunn has been editor of all art and archeology publications. He was a regular panelist on CBC television series "Who Knows?" and has appeared on several other television programmes. Mr. Lunn with his wife and five children are residents of Weldrick Road. Keenly interested in the community, Mr. Lunn is president of the Richmond Hill Rotary Club and of the Richmond Hill Naturalists. From 1941-47 he served with the Royal Artillery in Europe, Burma, India and Java, mainly with the Mountain Artillery and finally on the staff.

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urged that Canada build a
larger telescope than any of its
existing ones.
Dr. R. M. Petrie, director of
the Dominion Astrophysical
Observatory at Victoria said
when the 72 inch telescope
was built at Victoria nearly 50
years ago it was the largest
in the world and its establish-
ment gave Canada a leading
position in the astronomical
world. The building of the 74
inch scope at Dunlap Observa-
tory south of Richmond Hill
added another powerful in-
strument to Canada's astrono-
mical arsenal.
But Dr. Petrie said Canada,
instead of being in the front
now occupies 10th place among
countries possessing powerful
optical telescopes. He said it
was certain building a large
modern telescope will restore
Canada to a leading place.
It should be of conventional
design and its location would
require careful study because
it depends on availability,
weather and seeing conditions.
Some tests are being made at
sites in southern British Col-
umbia and in Ontario.
Dr. John F. Heard, head of
the department of astronomy
at the University of Toronto
and director of the David Dun-
lap Observatory, said he was
impressed during a recent
four month trip with the vigor
with which many countries are
planning to increase astrono-
mical research with large tele-
scopes.
Dr. Donald A. Macrae, pro-
fessor of astronomy at the Uni-
versity of Toronto, added that
substantial numbers of young
men and women across Canada
are turning to astronomy as a
career, and adequate observa-
tional facilities must be pro-
vided if their enthusiasm is
not to be wasted.
Dr. Macrae said the cost of a
150-inch telescope is quite
modest, amounting to about 50
cents per person in Canada,
spread over 10 years.

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