

Mark's PowerPoint presentation began with many images of buildings past and concluded with the recent Toronto Premium Outlet Mall opening in the Trafalgar/Steeles area. Many changes with more to come in this historic area. Photo and entry submitted by Ross Wark.

OurDigitalWorld's Multicultural Community Capacity Project Contributions

TTHS contributed some digital material towards a cross-Ontario exhibit by OurDigitalWorld. This virtual exhibit compiled material about Ontario's multicultural history using records from over 50 Ontario institutions. The project, which developed three exhibits on women's history, black history, and Japanese history in Ontario, can be viewed at <http://images.ourontario.ca/exhibits>. It is a pleasure to be able to help educate and enlighten Ontarians about their local history and heritage! Please make sure to explore the virtual exhibit and discover the history of Ontario's multiculturalism.

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Sir John Kirk 1890 Visit to Palermo

Peter Mitchell contacted us via our Facebook page to tell us, as noted in his diary, his great-great grandfather, Sir John Kirk, had visited Palermo with J.J. Kelso in 1890. Sir John Kirk was Director of the Ragged School Union and Shaftesbury Society, groups which provided fresh air outings to inner city children of London, England. J.J. Kelso founded the Children's Aid Society, Fresh Air Funds and was located in Toronto. As with the Canadian efforts to help disabled and disadvantaged children, the English foundations grew to encompass holiday homes. The two men, with Sir John's brother, George who was the RSU solicitor, spent some time in the area meeting and talking with people about their work to help children, and spoke at the Palermo schoolhouse one evening. We haven't found any local report of this event or of the travels of the two men so we can't authenticate this event definitively at this time. The men made other visits in connection with their work back and forth over the years. Peter Mitchell has sent photographs which are available for viewing on the schoolhouse computer. Peter writes, "...I realize it's a very small connection [that we have]; but one that really struck me on multiple levels. At the very least it shows just how vitally important your conservation efforts are as we often don't know just how far reaching those histories are, and how many people they touched." More information about Sir John Kirk's work can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/aknightinthelums/>

