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Join Us for an Afternoon of History and Heritage in Brantford at the CIHC Annual General Meeting

Saturday June 12th, 2010

Laurier Brantford Odeon Theatre Room OD110

50 Market Street, Brantford

12:30 pm—5:00 pm



The day's events include: Launching of the **CIHC Logo Contest**; **"Historic Mills in the Grand River Watershed"** presentation by Warren Stauch; **"Adaptive Re-use of Industrial Buildings in the Grand River Valley"** presentation by Dr. Karen Dearlove; **"Place and History"** round-table discussion about built heritage;

screening of film **"Brantford and Me"** by Laurier Brantford journalism student Joel Tansey. The Annual General Meeting of the CIHC will commence following the presentations and the film. The event is free and all are welcome!



Call for Donations: The CIHC Needs Your Help!

The Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre is moving forward towards its goal of creating an Industrial Heritage Centre in Brantford. However, the CIHC needs your help to achieve this goal. If you believe in **preserving and promoting industrial history**, keeping these important stories alive for future generations, please support the CIHC. The CIHC is a registered charitable non-profit organization. Donations over \$10.00 will receive an **income tax receipt**. The CIHC is also looking for **artifacts and historical documents** related to industrial history for its collections. The continued existence of the CIHC and the future creation of an Industrial Heritage Centre in Brantford is dependent on generous individuals like you. Please consider supporting the Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre.

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Textiles and Cambridge: A Match Made in History

The City of **Cambridge** was formed in 1973 through the amalgamation of three communities: **Galt, Preston** and **Hespeler**. All three communities had long industrial histories closely associated with the textile industry. Galt, for example, was known as the “**Manchester of Canada**” by the 1860s due to its abundant textile industries. Textile industries like the **Galt Knitting Company, Turnbull’s Woolen Mill, Newlands Company, Dobbie Industries** and **Tiger Brand**, once employed thousands of workers in Galt. Preston was home to the textile giant **Pattinson**. Of all three Hespeler was truly a textile town. **Dominion Woollens & Worsteds** was once the largest woolen mill in the British Empire, and in a 1946 survey Hespeler was found to have a higher proportion of its citizens (40.5%) working in the textile industry compared to any other town in Ontario. **Dr. Karen Dearlove**, Executive Director of the CIHC, will be giving a presentation about the **history of the textile industry in Cambridge** at the Cambridge Centre for the Arts (60 Dickson St., Cambridge) at 7:30 pm on **Monday May 10th**. Admission is free and all are welcome.



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The Turkish Foundry Workers of Brantford

On a cold November night in 1914, Brantford’s City Police rounded up the small community of Turkish foundry workers in Brantford. A few days later, they were sent to the internment camp at Kapuskasing. The internment of what is likely Canada’s first Muslim community is a little-told story from Brantford’s rich history. CIHC Vice President and local historian **Bill Darfler** has received a grant to study the internment of Brantford’s Turkish community during the First World War. The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund was endowed by the Federal Government to further research into the effects of internment on the ethnic communities of Canada at that time. This grant will be used to unearth any local records of this event and to interpret the story to the community. Bill’s work is an excellent example of the numerous stories of **Canada’s industrial history** that the CIHC is striving to preserve and share.



Don't Let Your History become *history*!

CIHC Launches Research Service for Businesses

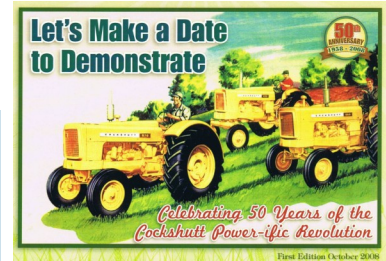
The **CIHC** is launching an unique service for local businesses and industries to provide professional assistance to help **preserve valuable historical records**. The **CIHC Research Service** will catalogue and organize the historical records of a company to create a **company archive**. Additionally, the CIHC will provide a historical research service to research and write the **history of the company** for marketing and promotional purposes, to mark a significant milestone or event, or for publication. By doing so the CIHC will help preserve historical data, resources and artifacts to tell the stories of **Canada’s industrial history**.

DVDs For Sale through the Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre



“The Cockshutt Way” 5 DVD collector set produced for Cockshutt Farm Equipment and White Farm Equipment from 1957 to 1981. \$75.00 CDN/\$72.00 US.

Cheques or money orders made payable to:
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“First in the Field” 5 DVDs produced by the Cockshutt Plow Company and the Government of Ontario from 1922 to 1955. \$75.00 CDN/\$72.00 US.

Single disk copies of “First in the Field” now available at \$25.00 CDN/\$22.00 US.

Now Available single DVD “Let’s Make a Date to Demonstrate” featuring footage of the 500 series tractor from Cockshutt industrial shows and other ads. \$25.00 CDN/\$22.00 USD.

“Plowing Ahead” Exhibit at Queen’s Park

In March the CIHC, in partnership with the **Brant Federation of Agriculture**, installed an exhibit at Queen’s Park entitled “**Plowing Ahead: Agriculture and Industry in Brantford.**” The exhibit highlights Brantford’s historic contributions to the Agricultural Revolution in Canada and Brant County’s current local agricultural activities. Featured in the exhibit are agricultural implement artifacts, historic ads for farm equipment manufactured in Brantford, photos of Brantford’s agricultural history and Brant Federation of Agriculture’s local food map. The exhibit is part of Queen’s Park Community Exhibit Program and will remain on display in Toronto until September 2010.



Join the CIHC Today and be a Part of our Exciting Future!

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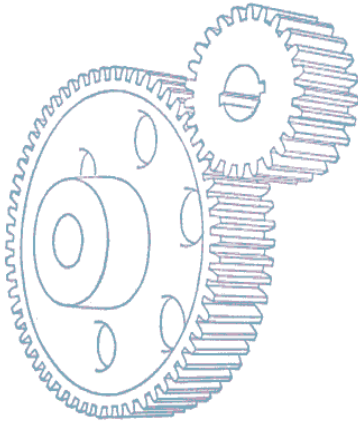
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Membership fees may be paid by cash, cheque or money order. Please make cheques or money orders payable to the *Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre*. Our mailing address is: PO Box 23055, Brantford, ON, N3T 6K4. Donations of \$10 or more, above membership fees, are tax deductible. Charitable number #861470623 RR0001



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Our Vision:

To promote and honour Canadian Industrial Heritage through public education and the preservation of historical data, resources, and artifacts.

We are committed to telling the *Industry* of
Canadian industrial heritage!

The CIHC would like to thank everyone for their continued support, including:

Ontario Trillium Foundation, for two year grant to enhance the CIHC.

Brant Community Foundation, for grant to develop CIHC website.

LJS & Associates, for providing office space and administrative resources.

Spruce Row Museum for exhibiting CIHC Cockshutt artifacts.

All CIHC **members** and **volunteers**.

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The Products of Greenwich-Mohawk: The Adams Wagon Company

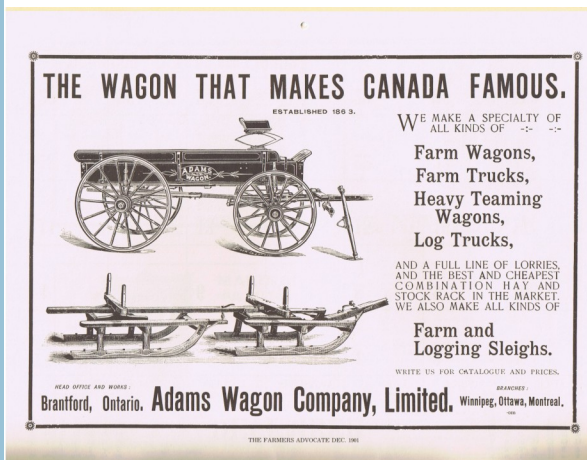
By Rob Adlam

To celebrate the exploits of the companies that were once located on the **Greenwich-Mohawk brownfield** site in Brantford, a seven-part series will briefly introduce each of these industries, their products and their lasting impact on Canada and the world market.

The history of Canada's modern day transportation industry can trace its roots back, not to the internal combustion engine but to the horse. Many a blacksmith was responsible for the design and production of the vehicles that would move both people and freight in the early days of a young nation. So was the case in 1863 when **Peter Adams** began operation of his blacksmith shop in Paris, Ontario.

In response to the repeated requests of his customers to build wagons, Peter Adams ventured out into this market with a design of his own. The quality of his work was so good that the orders for wagons continued to grow as his reputation spread. By 1881 the business had outgrown the little blacksmith shop and a large factory was built in Paris to accommodate the steadily growing production that was, by that point, being shipped by the railcar load to the Canadian prairies.

Adams relocated again, and in 1901 began production out of an even larger factory that they constructed at **22 Mohawk St. in Brantford**. This move was the result of the lobbying efforts of Brantford Mayor Harry Cockshutt who saw this as an opportunity to benefit city's ever-growing industrial base and coordinate sales operations with the Cockshutt Plow Co., who were a major distributor of the Adams product line (farm wagons and heavy sleighs) through their own dealerships in Western Canada.



The sales arrangement was of such great benefit to both Adams and Cockshutt that in 1911 Harry Cockshutt purchased the **Adams Wagon Company** and it became a wholly owned subsidiary of the **Cockshutt Plow Company**. By 1929 Cockshutt merged Adams Wagon into its larger transportation division, under the name of **Canada Carriage & Body Ltd.** The automotive age was firmly underway by this point in time and the new realities of the industry dictated that the movement of goods on highways by large trucks was needed. This ongoing trend would eventually take the company in the direction of semi-trailer production, for which it would become the industry leader in Canada.

From the modest beginnings of a blacksmith shop, Brantford would help shape Canada's transportation history. For a more detailed history of the Adams Wagon Company, read "**From Wagon to Trailer: A History of Trailmobile Canada and its Forerunners**," by Michael Hand.

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