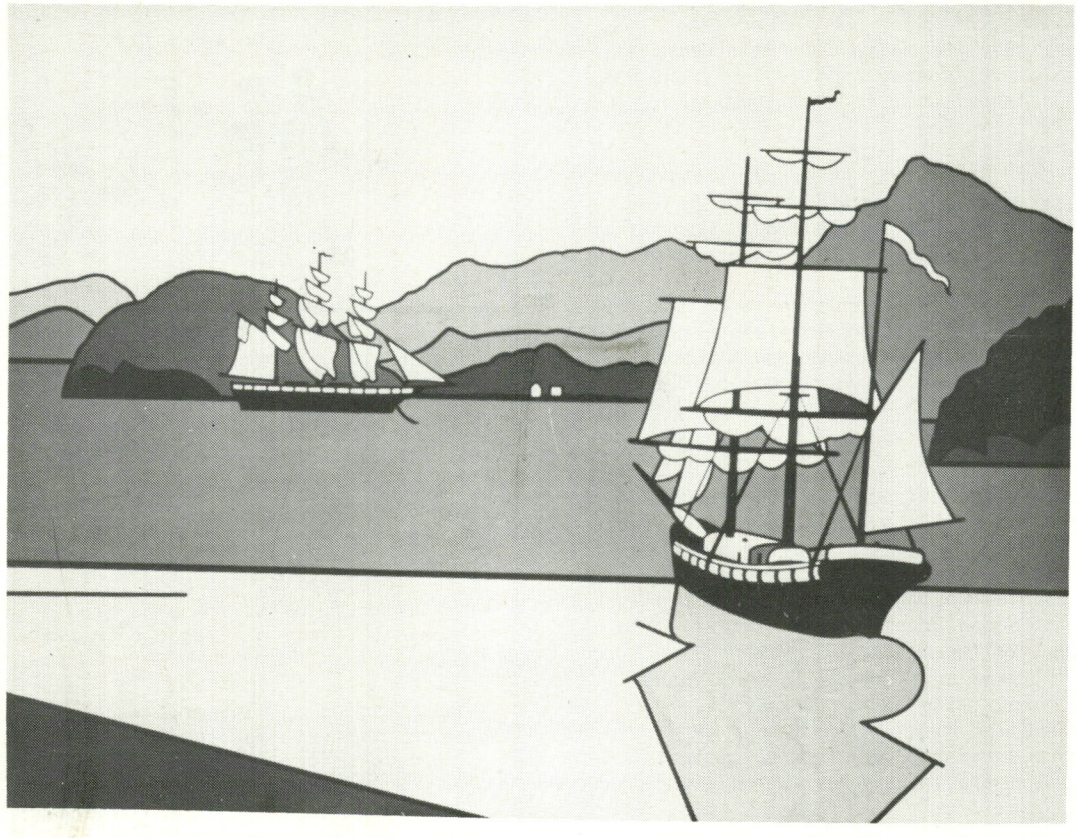
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'John Wickliffe' and 'Philip Laing' anchored at Port Chalmers, 1848, based on a painting by Capt. T. Robertson. Artist John Robinson. This large, colourful painting is a striking feature in the Museum's new Reception area.

INTRODUCTION

BY BRUCE MACGIBBON
Publicity and Membership Committee

The March Newsletter No. 13 gave notice of the Annual General Meeting on the 20th March, and we are pleased to report a large attendance and a meeting of substance. Your committee was encouraged as it and the museum staff like to hear comments, be they good or bad, because this helps us to steer the museum.

1980 COMMITTEE

The Committee for 1980 is as follows:-

President:	Rev. Dr J.S. Somerville, C.M.G.
Immediate Past President:	Mr J.O. Macpherson
Past President:	Mr W.S. Armitage, O.B.E.
Vice Presidents:	Messrs N.W. Allan, B. MacGibbon, R.D. Orr, J.W. Ramsay, N.Y.A. Wales, Mrs H. Young
Treasurer:	Mr A.J. Perry
Committee:	Messrs R.J. Beardsmore, C.L. Croot, J.A. Dangerfield, P.N. Dick, P.R. George, L.F. Gerrie, J.J. Lang, J. Salmond, G.E. Sherriff, Miss J. Fraser, Mrs D. Hogg, Rev. Dr W.E. Daniel
Director:	Mr I. Pentecost
Secretary:	Mr E.R. Homan

TREASURER

Mr P.R. George, who did a great job as Treasurer, has resigned that position, but will remain on the committee and executive. Thank you Phil for your help in the museum's new life and surge forward. His place as Treasurer has been filled by another keen member, John Perry, whose family have always had strong Otago ties.

A. JOHN PERRY

John, a recently elected member of the committee, is a Chartered Accountant in public practice. John is a Commander in the Naval Reserve and is Chairman of the Otago Officers' Club. He is the District Commissioner of the Leith-Stuart District of the Scout Association of New Zealand. He has been a committee member of the Dunedin Amenities Society for some time and is now honorary secretary, and is also a member of the Balmacewen Bowling Club.

His father was Dr Arnold Perry, respected as a medical practitioner in Dunedin, and as a Rugby player and administrator. His paternal grandfather, William Perry, arrived from County Derry in 1862 and went to the goldfields.

On the maternal side, great grandparents Alexander Duthie and his wife Jane (nee Martin) came from Wellington to Otago with Kettle's survey party in 1846, on the ship "Mary Catherine". They lived in Dunedin for several years before settling in Tokomairiro. His grandfather John Alexander

Duthie was the first white child born in Tokomairiro; his elder brother Edward was said to have been the first white boy born in Dunedin. John Alexander Duthie was a stock and station agent in Milton, mayor of Milton for a time and a founding director of the Bruce Woollen Manufacturing Co. Ltd, and South Otago Freezing Co. Ltd.

DOREEN L. HOGG

Mrs Hogg too, is a recently elected member of the Committee. She is President of the Otago Pioneer Women's Association, of which her mother was a founding member. She was Matron of Arana Hall, a student college of residence, from 1971-77, and was Matron of St. Barnabas' Home for the Aged from 1978-79.

Her paternal great grandfather Longworth worked at the brickworks at North East Valley, after having arrived in Otago on the "Chile" in 1860. Her father John R. Starr, was a hairdresser and tobacconist.

On the maternal side, great grandparents Mr and Mrs Moses Bardsley founded the first soap and candle-making factory in Dunedin, which is now known as the McLeod Bros. They arrived in Otago in 1858 on the "Nourmahal".

DIRECTOR

The appointment of Ian Pentecost as Director was made in April, from a large list of applicants. We feel sure he will carry on the thrust started by Seddon Bennington. Ian, 31 years old, has been on the staff for one year as Custodian, and during that time he has developed a great deal of expertise in the area of conservation of historic items.
Ian is a Cabinet Maker by trade, with many years' experience. With his wife Anne, he travelled through Europe and the Middle East by bus and train. He was a Scout Leader for 8 years until recently, and his other interests include badminton and sailing.

Ian has the support of the Committee and a keen, hard-working staff.

SATURDAY ROSTER

The continuing increase in visitors to the museum has been most gratifying and a source of encouragement to staff and committee. This leads us to ask if any of our members could be put on a roster, to help with the supervision of visitors on Saturday afternoons. It would be from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m., and you should be required only twice a year. Our attendances have increased so much, that we need extra people "to keep an eye on things". This would be an opportunity to keep up with developments and exhibitions at the museum, while helping staff by supervising the collection. We do not wish to, and indeed do not have the finance to, cover the appointment of extra staff. As you are aware, the committee members keep the museum open on Sundays by rostering themselves, and this has been an outstanding success. If you can help on Saturdays, please ring the museum secretary Sue Walker 775-052, Ian Pentecost 761-253 (Home) or Bruce MacGibbon 774-403 (Home), without delay. You will be surprised at what you will see and learn whilst you move around. The visitors themselves, who come from all around the world, make it interesting and worthwhile.

ANNIVERSARY DAY

Our Anniversary Day this year fell on Sunday 23rd March, and special functions were held, which were an outstanding success. An Anniversary service was held at First Church, attended by the Mayor and Mayoress, Town Clerk and councillors, at 10 a.m., conducted by Rev. Denzil Brown. At 2.45 p.m. there was a special walk from Bond Street to Wickliffe House where a plaque in the footpath in Water Street commemorates the site of the landing of the first ship. This gathering was addressed by the Mayor of Dunedin, Mr C.G. Skeggs. Headed by a lone piper, the gathering then moved to First Church for a special short service by the Rev. Denzil Brown and then to the museum. Here we would pay a tribute to the Mayor and Mrs Skeggs, the Town Clerk Mr A. Carr and Mrs Carr, the public, and museum staff who all dressed in the clothing of the time and ensured the occasion was a great success.



RESEARCH REPORT

BY HELEN SPOONER
Research Librarian

Since my report last June, work has intensified in the Research Department, and, in response to these demands, we are reorganising our system on a more professional basis. We hope to increase efficiency without losing the pleasurable interaction between the staff and researchers visiting the museum.

The processing of manuscripts and documents goes on whenever time allows, and there is still a large quantity of material to be dealt with. The short term aim is to identify, take conservation measures, sort, list and store in labelled boxes. The lists, as an interim measure, are then to be available to researchers, as this part of the scheme will take a long time. This work will lead ultimately to a catalogue, integrated with a Museum Master Catalogue, in which every item is fully described and all items relating to any key topic, easily retrievable.

National Archives compiles a Register, copies of which are held in major libraries throughout the world. This records important holdings in institutions all over New Zealand, and some of the Association's material should ultimately be submitted for inclusion.

The Association's extensive material relating to early settler families in Otago, collected over several generations, may prove to be unique. It is constantly being added to and brought up to date and additions to it are much appreciated.

In discussion with visitors to the museum, I hear so many colourful and interesting reminiscences and yarns about people's early life and I am constantly urging that they be preserved in writing or on tape. In the past, the Association has actively sought to collect such material, and it would be good if it could be done again. It is said that 'every person has at least one book in them'. Events of national importance are well documented objectively and the flavour of the time and how it felt to be there may be lost for ever. It is the everyday situations and events, that are a valuable part of our history. If you have family stories, write them down.. Experiences you have had that are amusing, dramatic, sad, romantic or inspiring are worth recording.

MUSEUM REPORT

IAN PENTECOST
Director

I would like to acknowledge the achievements of the past directors and committees which have given the Association's museum the promising future it has now, and I hope to build on from their work. The present committee and staff have helped me a great deal to fit into my new position, and it is a pleasure working with such a dedicated team.

Visitors to the museum will find the new reception and shop area has given a much warmer, welcoming feel to the museum. A start will be made shortly on the ramp to cater for wheelchairs, pushchairs and those of us who find steps a little difficult. It will come into the side of the front entrance. The ramp has been made possible in part by the Stokes family who held a Centennial in December 1979. They have offered to construct the ramp. We hope to find sponsors to help with the new door and doorway which are also necessary. The ramp will give much easier access to the museum for many visitors.

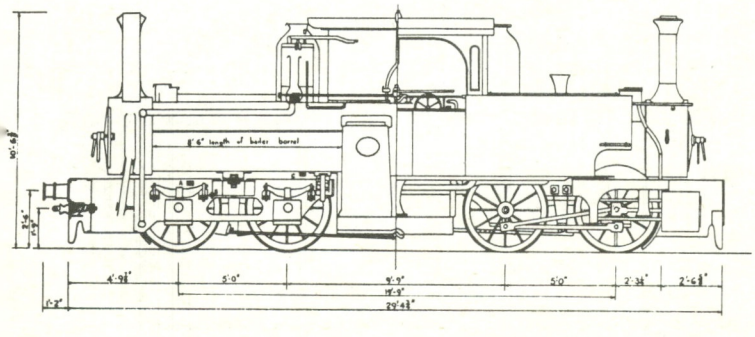
I would like to introduce Angela Burns, the newly appointed Curator of the Collection. Angela obtained her Diploma of Fine Arts in 1975, taught art for a short period, and subsequently worked as a graphic artist from 1977-79, with Television One. She has exhibited some of her own art work at the Arts Centre in Christchurch and in the Otago Museum and Otago Art Society building in Dunedin.

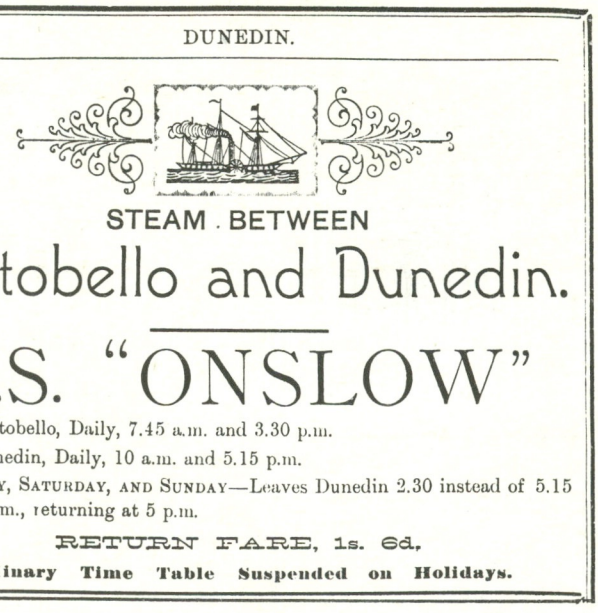
Angela has been refurbishing most of the display cases, relining them with colourful fabrics. The range of articles displayed has been widened to include many that were in storage. All items have been labelled and title panels mounted on the cases. This changing of displays is being made possible by the provision of adequate storage for the collection behind the scenes.

Wayne O'Connell, our new Custodian, is 31 years old and has completed an apprenticeship in plumbing and gas fitting. Since then he has travelled throughout N.Z., Canada, the United States and Australia, gaining a wide variety of practical skills. Wayne has a great deal to offer the museum, and I welcome him to the staff.

Congratulations to Sue, the museum secretary, who was married to Noel Walker in May.

We hope to have redecorated the Donald Reid wing and have mounted our permanent display of steam energy by the end of July. This is a most exciting project, and will include some early Beam engines seen in motion. The room is enlivened by murals painted by David Williams.





An Exhibition "Small Settlements around the Otago Harbour" will be mounted in August, using photos, maps and other interesting objects relating to such places as Broad Bay and Port Chalmers.

The August School holiday programme will be for secondary school pupils, and will give a small group of interested youngsters a chance to see how the museum works with special emphasis on conservation. The May holidays project was a great success, with about 20 children from 8 to 11 years woking on building a wattle and daub hut, and illustrating the theme "Hardships of a Gold Miner's Life". Everyone got very muddy and had lots of fun. The clay hut, about the size of a garden shed, and the art work done by the children, will be on display until the end of July.

GENERAL

We wish to make our apologies to Mr W.N.M. Smith for inadvertently omitting his name from the list of Committee members in the March 1980 Newsletter. Mr Smith has recently resigned from the Committee, but we are very grateful to him for the tremendous interest he showed in the museum over a number of years.

All the smaller museums in Otago and Southland are to be put on our museum mailing list so that we can keep in touch with one another. Please advise your address if you are not on that list.

CENTENARIES

The Strath Taieri, Ngapuna and Sutton Schools celebrated their Centennial in January 1980. We were pleased to receive a copy of the booklet "The First Hundred Years", commemorating the event.

The Wanaka District Schools also celebrated their Centenary this year, and a recipe booklet was published to mark the event, including details of the history of the schools in the area. A copy of this booklet was also sent to the museum.

Please let us know in plenty of time, if there is to be a Centennial in your area, so that it can be noted in the newsletter. Don't lose the records of such an occasion. Send them to our museum for safe-keeping.

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Shop sales are very important financially to the Association, and we rely on members to choose from our selection of books, prints and cards. Please fill in the enclosed order form and return it as soon as possible. We are stream-lining our system of despatching orders and will treat your order promptly.

Should you like a catalogue of prints and cards in stock, please do not hesitate to request one. Don't forget our large range of books. We specialise in books relating to early Otago and surrounding districts, with many other related topics included.

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