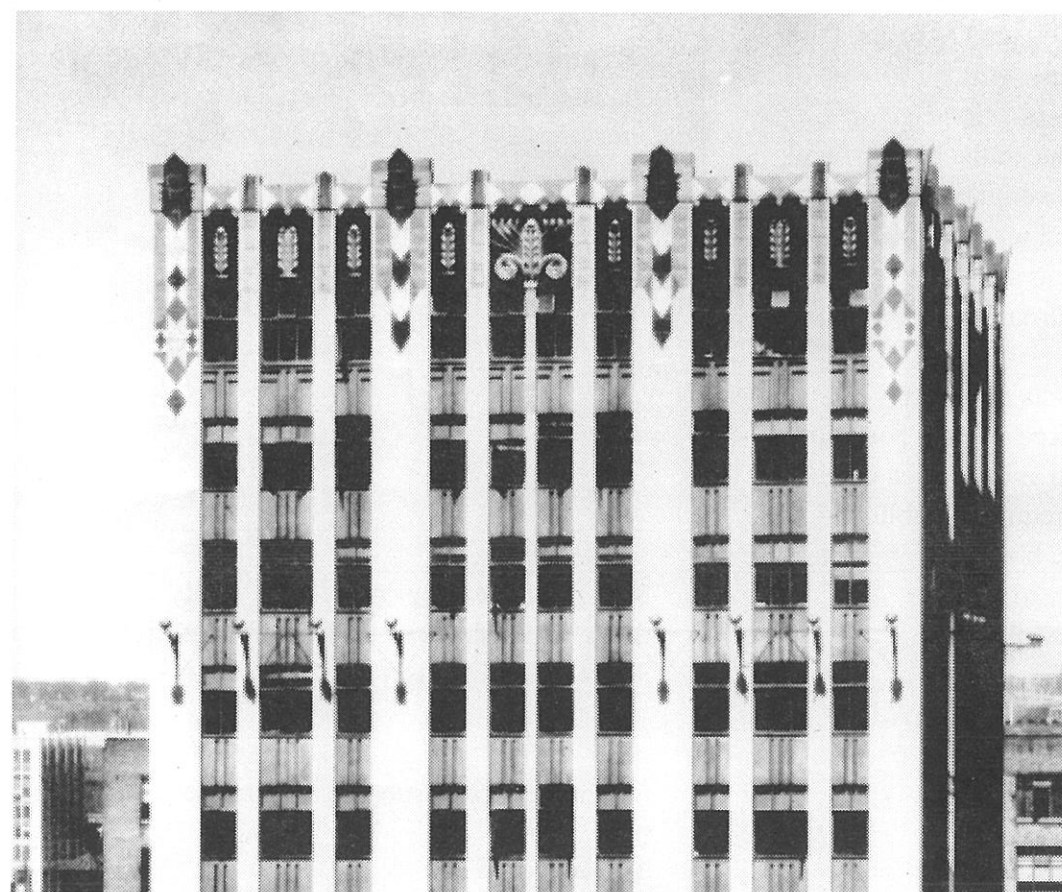


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What to do?

The topic of this issue of ACT is the Heritage Inventory of the city of Toronto. Of the examples discussed, by far the largest is the Bay-Adelaide Centre and that has been the active centre of our concern. There are difficulties that beset users of the Heritage Inventory almost all the time, and we summarise them as follows:

A grading system must be introduced.

Without it, decisions made cannot be demonstrated to be fair, equitable and understandable by the public.

The selection of heritage properties has not been comprehensive.

Some owners are attempting to get around this problem by additional historical assessment of the properties before redevelopment proposals are entertained, but it is not an adequate solution.

Remnants of buildings should be struck from the inventory.

You can help by being engaged by the topic. Your conversations on the topic with your friends, your letters to politicians on these matters, all are important. Write to your councillor, your member of the Provincial Parliament, your federal member of Parliament. Include mention of particular buildings you are concerned about, perhaps some of the ones included in this newsletter.

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