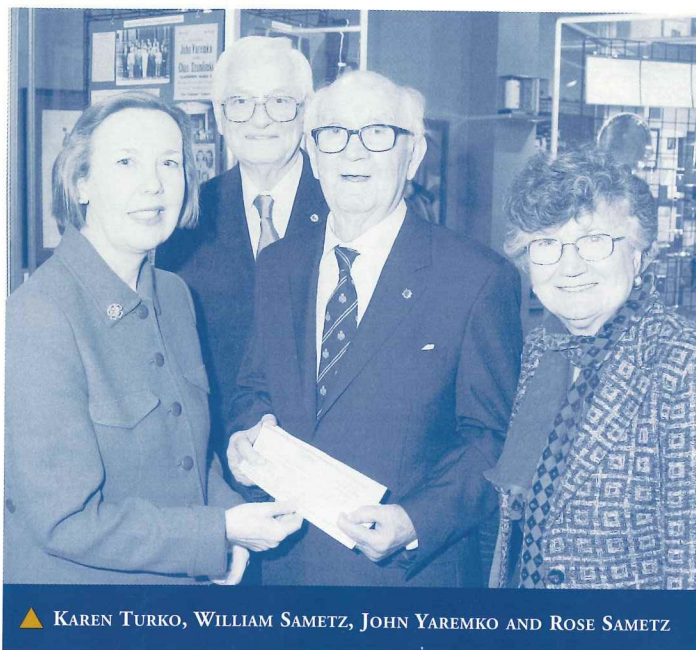


Honourable John Yaremko's Gift Supports Ukrainian Collection

On April 3, 2008, The Honourable John Yaremko presented the University of Toronto Libraries with a cheque for \$10,000, the first installment on a \$50,000 pledge, payable over five years, to be used for special projects to preserve and improve access to Ukrainian materials held by the Library.

The generosity of John Yaremko and the Foundation set up in his and his late wife Mary's name will allow the Library to preserve and make broadly accessible retrospective library materials relating to Ukrainian history, literature, language, and culture through digitization. "This initiative is a first step in ensuring that the Library's collections of Ukrainica, one of the premier Ukrainian collections in North America, are preserved for the future, and will help enhance research in Ukrainian studies at the University and worldwide," said Ksenya Kiebuszinski, Slavic resources coordinator, and head of the Petro Jacyk Central and East European Resource Centre (PJRC) at the University of Toronto Libraries.

The presentation took place at



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the Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Ontario Branch at the St. Vladimir Institute on Spadina Avenue. Karen Turko, Director of Special Projects, UTL, accepted the cheque on behalf of Carole Moore, the Chief Librarian. Others present were William and Rose Sametz, Directors of the John and Mary A. Yaremko Foundation; Daria Diakowsky, from the Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Ontario Branch; Ksenya Kiebuszinski, Wasyl Sydorenko, Reference Specialist, PJRC; and Andrew Stelmacovich, Department of Alumni and

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John Yaremko was the first Ukrainian Canadian elected to the Ontario Legislature and the first Ukrainian Canadian to be appointed cabinet minister in Ontario. His tenure as a public servant lasted for more than 23 years, and his was a strong voice in the cabinets of Frost, Robarts, and Davis. Yaremko married Mary A. Materyn of Montreal in 1945. Mary Yaremko worked as a registered nurse, and was an accomplished pianist