

A year after his passing, *"The Great Fight: poems and sketches"*, a collection of 20 poems and two sketches, with a short biography by his widow and illustrations by Coburn, was published. *"The poetical works of William Henry Drummond"* was also published posthumously in 1912.

Summary

For decades Drummond and his poetry remained important elements within the canon of English Canadian literature. Gradually though his poetry became to be seen as old-fashioned and unrepresentative. Commentators such as Lee Briscoe Thompson lamented that Drummond was a: *"victim of an attack of modernists on late-19th-century poetry"*. Other critics believe that Drummond's poetry was sidelined because it lacked political correctness and might offend the Quebecois people. Thompson believes the *"shelving"* of this

"people's poet" was unfortunate, for Drummond represents a very sincere attempt to articulate a sympathetic portrayal of rural French Canadians. Thompson also believed Drummond's work was a valid portrayal of a uniquely Canadian language and dialect which was borne of the fusion of two distinct cultures. In his most recent biography, J B Lyons seeks to redress the fate of Drummond by placing him in the context of dialect poets, the best known being Robert Burns, of course. It remains to be seen what the future holds for the poetry of William Henry Drummond. What cannot be denied is that for a few short decades this son of Leitrim was one of the most popular, and celebrated authors of the day and was considered Canada's national poet.

New Technology Enterprise Centre for Carrick on Shannon

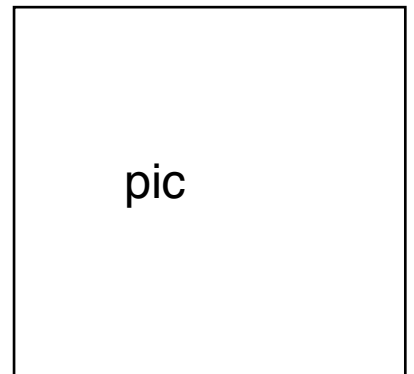
A new 1.4 million Technology Enterprise Centre in Carrick on Shannon is set to provide an exciting business environment for a new dynamic community of entrepreneurs. The new centre is part of The Innovation Enterprise Programme (IEP), a cross-border initiative between Leitrim and Omagh with the aim of supporting the creation and development of innovative technology-oriented businesses in the region.

The Innovation Enterprise Programme (IEP) received 2,272,418, part-financed by the European Union's INTERREG IVA Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). The Programme is led by the Irish Central Bor-

der Area Network (ICBAN) in partnership with Omagh District Council, Leitrim County Enterprise Fund, Leitrim County Enterprise Board, Leitrim County Council and Omagh Enterprise Company.

Work on the new Technology Enterprise Centre, which will be built at the Leitrim County Enterprise Fund site on the Dublin Road, Carrick on Shannon, is due to be completed in the summer of 2013. The 7,500 sq. ft. state-of-the-art building will provide a purpose built, technology focused business environment suitable for attracting high value companies and supporting the start-up and growth of indigenous businesses in the region.

Importantly, high speed broadband at affordable prices and flexible lease terms will help contain costs at a critical point in a business's gestation. The hot desk facility, which is new to the region, enables people to drop-in and work in a



vibrant environment with like minded individuals. The new Technology Enterprise Centre will be a 'one stop shop' offering more than just office space to growing entrepreneurs. Business advisory services, including specialist consultancy, mentoring, seminars and cross-border network events all help support and facilitate those looking to develop a business idea.

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