

**Heritage and Archives
Newsletter
September, 2011**

Summer has come to an end, and autumn has officially arrived, and another month is nearly over so, it is, once again, time for the monthly newsletter from the Heritage and Archives Department.

September has been a busy month for the archives. There were several people travelling in our area who made a point of visiting in order to carry on further research with regard to family genealogy as well as commercial businesses once in operation in Victoria County. The usual compliment of e-mails and telephone calls were also dealt with over the month.

The Baddeck and Area Historical Society met on September 21st in the Court House. The 2nd annual old time picnic was discussed and everyone was in agreement that it had been successful. The addition of Mr. Brian Mason with his guitar and singing throughout the afternoon really added to the occasion. It was the feeling of the society that this event should continue in future years. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 19th October at 4:00 p.m. New members are welcome.

The heritage building featured in the Victoria Standard for September was the former J.P. MacLeod Jr.'s dwelling on MacLeod and Jones Streets in the village. Built in 1890 (circa) it was initially owned by John P. MacLeod, Sr. The house and property were in possession of the MacLeod family for a period of seventy-four years from 1885 to 1959. This old dwelling is extant and in excellent condition and remarkable so, considering it is in the vicinity of one hundred and twenty-one years old.

The Heritage Cape Breton Connection board of directors met on Friday, 23rd September in the court house. As the board members travel from many parts of the island, it is the consensus that Baddeck is the most central location and as a result the majority of our board meetings are held here. The re-branding project for the connection is nearly complete and our new website should be up before long. The annual fall members meeting will take place on Saturday, 5th November at the Highland Village in Iona commencing at 10:00 a.m. The membership is urged to attend and new members are most welcome. Lunch will be available at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

The Celtic Colours festival will be upon us within a week – for those of you who plan on attending many of the concerts and workshops – have a great time. Cape Breton and Victoria County are very fortunate to have a festival of this calibre happening annually on our island.

Wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Looking forward to reporting back at the end of October.

