

## **Heritage/Archives Newsletter**

**March, 2005**

March was indeed a very busy month, in particular, with the built heritage data base entry project. All the site forms of the old buildings compiled to date in the county were entered into this data base. This project was sponsored by the Province, and was phase 1 of a 3 phase data base project which will be carried out in all counties across the Province where a heritage inventory was compiled. Tom MacLeod who worked on the project for the past seven weeks, did an excellent job. He was totally focused on achieving the goal of having the work completed by deadline which was March 31<sup>st</sup> and he was successful.

Work continued on the built heritage site forms with several new ones being completed for entry into the data base. One day of field work was carried out on Boularderie Island. Before long, that district will be finished.

The Heritage/Archives Clerk attended an open house for the Boularderie Island Historical Society on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the Boularderie School ( CAP Site room).

Visitors continued to arrive on a regular basis throughout the entire month. People in our communities are becoming aware of our existence, and the wealth of information we have housed in the archives room.

We were very grateful to receive old school registers, an account book and school trustees minute book from the former Red Head school located on the Beinn Bhreagh Road.

These books were donated to the archives by Mabel Cox. Mabel's mother, Beth MacDonald was the school teacher in that school for many years. Included in the collection are school registers – one from 1925, the registers from 1933 to 1939, from 1940 to 1949, as well as 1950 to 1963 ( when the school was closed and the students were then sent to the new consolidated school in Baddeck). Along with the registers, there are two books – the accounts book dating from 1916 to 1955, and the minute book of the school trustees for the years 1949 to 1963. The proper archival storage containers have been ordered whereby these old books will be cleaned, de-staped and re-housed. We would like to thank Mabel Cox very much for this contribution to the archives.

It is heartening to see the snow disappearing, and we are looking forward to better weather arriving in order to get started on long overdue field work.

Well, those were the happenings and events which took place in the heritage and archives department during the month of March. We will return, once again, in April.

