

**Heritage/Archives
Newsletter
November, 2006**

November is coming to an end – just two more days before we are in the Christmas month and before we know it, we will starting another new year.

The number of visitors to the Heritage and Archives was quite steady throughout the month with eighteen people dropping by with various inquiries and requests.

The Free Wheelers Club, (a local club made up of retired gentlemen who meet every Wednesday morning), was a guest of the Archives on Wednesday, 22nd November. Following their meeting, I gave a talk on the happenings and events with regard to Archives and its progress to date. This is the second visit by the Free Wheelers this year as they were here back in March. The Archives welcomes both individuals and groups to visit.

This month's newspaper article which appeared in the "Victoria Standard" featured an historical event. The Archives was fortunate in being able to scan and reproduce several old photographs which were generously made available by Frances Street. These old photos belonged to her mother, Margaret MacCharles. In this collection of pictures there a few which had been taken in the 1930's in front of the Court House in Baddeck. It was a puzzle as to just what this occasion was which attracted such a large group of people. The Court House had been decorated with bunting and flags. Inquiries were made and it was still not determined until last March when the Free Wheelers were visiting and I showed them the pictures. Immediately, Dave MacQuarrie, a club member, announced that it was the celebration for the coronation of King George VI. After a bit of research, I was able to find out that this event took place on May 12th, 1937. Mr. MacQuarrie was able to point out his father, Dan MacQuarrie in one of the photos and he remembers being there as well.

The weather, for the most part of November, has been not very conducive for field work. It has turned much better in the past few days so I am hoping to get out and about while it lasts and get more built heritage inventory work completed.

On Monday, November 20th, I attended a board meeting for the Iona Connection Co-Op which was held at the Highland Village in Iona. At that meeting, we learned that the SDI grant which we applied for at the end of the summer for assistance in conducting a three day board governance workshop and seminar has been successful. In mid January in the new year, the board members along with several invited guests will gather at the Bras d'Or Lakes Inn in St. Peters to participate in this event. The facilitator will be John Hugh Edward, of St. Francis Xavier Extension Department.

That's it for November folks – I will be back in touch, once again, at the end of December.

