

**Heritage/Archives
Newsletter
December, 2006**

The newsletter is earlier than usual this month as, I will be taking a few vacation days in order to spend some time with family over the holidays.

So far this month the number visitors to the Archives has been fewer than November. Of course, that is quite understandable as everyone has so much to do in preparing for Christmas and shopping does take precedence over research! However, the dedicated and usual visitors managed to drop by for a few visits.

The newspaper article which appeared in the last "Victoria Standard" featured the home of Frances Street which once belonged to her grandfather, Edward D. McKay. The house is located on Grant Street in the Village of Baddeck and is in the vicinity of one hundred and fourteen years old. There were two prior owners before Mr. McKay and the second owner was by far the most "colourful" of them. It was once in possession of a Catherine Ross known as "Kate" who was an elderly widow. She made her income by selling liquor from her home. She was forever being prosecuted by the local liquor authorities to the point of persecution. I hope everyone will have an opportunity to read the article.

I had a chance to get some paper work done and also to re-house some materials which have been collecting up in the office - the goal is to re-organize boxes and files, etc. in order to create more space – this will be my New Year's resolution.

Please be advised that the Heritage and Archives Department will be closed from noon on Wednesday, 20th December until Tuesday, 2nd January, 2007.

A very merry Christmas and all the best in the new year to all, and I look forward to reporting via the newsletter in January.