

Heritage & Archives
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Just two more days and April will be at an end. As usual, here at the Heritage and Archives, the time goes by so quickly and before you realize it, another month has slipped past.

Visitation was steady throughout the month with drop in visits as well as several contacts via e-mail.

The newspaper article in the Victoria Standard in April featured a former Methodist Church which had been located on the Old Margaree Road just opposite the hospital. It was built sometime after 1886 as it does not appear in the insert map of Baddeck on Ambrose F. Church's map of Victoria County. It was most like removed from its original site and possibly used for another purpose. In 1925, following the church union vote, the Methodist congregation would have become part of the newly formed United Church of Canada and therefore, their church would no longer be used as a place of worship.

A date has been set for the AGM of the Heritage Cape Breton Connection. It will be held on Saturday, 14th May at 10:00 a.m. in Baddeck at the Knox Presbyterian Church on Grant Street. Lunch will be available at noon and there will be a cost of \$10.00 per person. Anyone with an interest in our Cape Breton history and culture are most welcome to attend and hopefully join the organization. The HCBC is looking forward to seeing a big turn- out on the 14th.

I had the honour along with two other members of the Baddeck & Area Historical Society to judge the Heritage Fair at the Baddeck Elementary School. The participating grades were 5 & 6. Joining me were Wayne Crawford and Jessie MacLeod. The students were very creative and presented excellent exhibitions. The topics ranged from family genealogy to dance to early settlement, etc.,etc. It was a difficult task to choose just one student from each of the two grades as in our opinion all the children were winners. The winners will be going to the big Heritage Fair held at CBU in May. The two students chosen from Baddeck school were: Grade 5 – Maddie Campbell, and Grade 6 – Marc Bethune. Congratulations to both of these students and good luck in Sydney!

The regular monthly meeting of the Baddeck and Area Historical Society met on Wednesday, 20th April in the Court House. There were approximately eighteen members present along with two new members. One of the topics of discussion was the summer picnic which it is hoped to become an annual event. Last summer's event was extremely successful with over one hundred and fifty people in attendance. It will no doubt take place sometime in August – date to be settled on later on.

That is our news from here for April. Stay in touch for the May newsletter.