

Heritage and Archives

Newsletter

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With only three days remaining in the June, it is time, once again to write the monthly newsletter from the Heritage and Archives Department of Victoria County.

The number of visitors to the archives is definitely increasing with several people from other Provinces and U.S. States stopping by and inquiring about family information. If I am not able to be of assistance, I put them in touch with people I am aware of in the area who are doing extensive genealogical work.

The Baddeck and Area Historical met on the third Wednesday of June which was the 19th. There was good turn out for the meeting. The topic of members dwellings, either past or present, was resumed as time had run out for everyone's report at the May meeting. Member, Jessie MacLeod brought up Jim St.Clair's subject on "Up and down the Island" on CBC's Information Morning programme that same morning. He has been touch with a great, great, grand nephew of Charles J. Campbell who was one of the early settlers to the village of Baddeck. Charles Campbell became quite a prominent person in the county. He owned and operated business' in the village, he was prolific ship builder, and he entered the realm of politics and served as both MLA and MP during his political career. In addition to all that, he also had a community named in his honour. He was operating mines in what had been called Kelly's Cove and as a result of his business activity there the community was re-named New Campbellton. His great, great, grand nephew who, incidentally, is Maurice Fowler is coming to Cape Breton with his wife in July, and will be staying in the Baddeck area for approximately a week. Jessie suggested that the society should host a get-together and invite him to an afternoon tea while he is in the area. Everyone agreed that this would be an excellent idea. Margot Macaulay, the President and Jessie MacLeod agreed to make the necessary arrangements. There won't be regular meetings of the society in July or August. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 18th September. New members are always welcome.

The Heritage Cape Breton Connection held its first board meeting since the AGM and Spring meetings here in Baddeck at the Court House. There is now an eleven member board with room for one more. The nominating committee presented a slate of board members at the AGM which was approved by the membership. The new board consists of: Aynsley MacFarlane, President; Amanda Mombourquette, Vice-President; Tammy MacNeil, Secretary; Fred James, Treasurer; along with board members: Rodney Chaisson; Madeline Harvey; Vanessa Childs-Rolls, Margaret Herdman; Susan Mallette; Mitch McNutt; and, Joan MacInnes. The board has representation from all four Cape Breton counties. The next board meeting will take place on Friday 26th July.

That is our news for June - Happy Canada Day everyone.

