

## **Heritage/Archives Newsletter** **November, 2009**

November, which to a great many people, is regarded as the most depressing month of the year, however, this November has turned out to be the nicest month throughout the entire fall season. The weather, on the whole, has been unseasonably sunny and warm and the month has sped by at an alarming rate.

The archives was a busy spot during the month with many inquiries via e-mail and telephone along with several visitors who dropped by with requests for information on various topics. For the most part, we were able either provide the information or point them in the right direction for further help.

The Baddeck and Area Historical Society met on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. This was the third meeting of the society since its formation back in September. As with the previous two meetings, it was well attended by an enthusiastic group of people who would appear to have a great many ideas with regard to projects, etc. The next meeting will take place in the Court House on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4:00 p.m. Watch out locally for posters.

The newspaper article which appeared in the Victoria Standard for November dealt with the celebration which took place seventy-five years ago on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the flight of the Silver Dart. In August 1934 a stone cairn with a bronze plaque was erected on the lawn in front of the Court House. This was undertaken by the Canadian Flying Clubs of Association of Ottawa with the permission of the Public Property Committee of the Municipality. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1934 the monument was officially unveiled and according to Mr. Charles McCurdy's report to council, it took place in the presence of probably the largest number of people ever in Baddeck to that date. The photo accompanying the article depicted the "large crowd" in front of the Court House at the time of the unveiling.

On Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November Baddeck experienced a first with the Olympic Torch passing through the village on a beautiful late fall afternoon. Many people lined Chebucto Street to catch a glimpse of the runners as they passed the torch all along the main street and up Old Margaree Road to the Provincial Building. It was an exciting day for Baddeck and the local areas to be able to witness such an event.

That is our news from the Heritage and Archives Department for November. It is hard to come to the realization that Christmas is a matter of weeks away – it is fast approaching. I look forward to reporting back to the readers at the end of 2009