

**Heritage and Archives
Newsletter
October, 2011**

With October nearing an end, it is time for the monthly newsletter reporting on the activities taking place in the Heritage and Archives Department.

This turned out to be quite a busy month for visitors with approximately fifteen people dropping by in person along with the inquiries arriving via e-mail and telephone.

The Baddeck and Area Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, 19th October. There were fourteen members present. The meeting was informed by the chairman that our secretary/treasurer, Jocelyn Bethune has resigned her duties with the society. She is extremely busy these days with college courses and of course, her family. She will, however, remain a member of the society. It is hoped that Sharon Bartlett who is the assistant secretary will take over Jocelyn's duties. Donnell Beaton brought in the displays from the picnic held in August. These are a collection of photographs and write-ups on people from our local communities. At the present time, they will be housed here in the archives. For people who did not manage to get to the picnic, they are more than welcome to drop by and see them in the archives. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 16th November at 4:00 p.m. in the Court Room.

The buildings featured in October in the Victoria Standard were three of the four Presbyterian churches which were built in Baddeck between 1841 and 1926 and was presented as a history of the Presbyterian congregation in Baddeck. There were two built on the Bay Road just east of the village – the first in 1841 (more than likely a log building) and the second church was constructed on the same site in 1857. Next came Greenwood which was built in 1886 in the village on a lot of land which was gifted to the church by William and Margaret Ann Kidston. The last church came about as a result of the church union vote of 1925 which was in favour of forming the United Church of Canada. This decision meant that the Presbyterians who wished to remain loyal to their church were without a place of worship so they proceeded to build a new church on Grant Street which was named in honour of the first two churches on the Bay Road.

The Heritage Cape Breton Connection, board of directors, held a meeting on Friday, 28th October here in the Court House. At that meeting a final decision was made on the new logo which is part of our re-branding project for the Connection. The board is proceeding with a re-printing of the very popular heritage locator map. A sample of which will be on display at the regular fall members meeting. That meeting will take place on **Saturday, 5th November** beginning at 10:00 a.m. Our host member is the Nova Scotia Highland Village. We always seem to have a great turn out of members when the meeting is in Iona. Lunch will be available at a cost of \$10.00 per person. This meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in the heritage and culture of this island. Members and newcomers are welcomed and encouraged to attend the fall meeting.

Have a happy All Hallows Eve.

