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PRESIDENT'S PEREGRINATIONS

It does not seem very long ago that your Trust offered to put on a slide illustrated briefing of heritage in downtown Halifax for the City Council and was greeted with a polite yawn. That attitude seemed to change overnight. I can even remember which night it was. David Crombie was elected Mayor of Toronto on a platform that included stopping the Spadina Expressway. The politicians caught up with the public - what a change!

In Halifax we have Granville St. restored with the help of Barrington Inn. We have waterfront historic development. Do you remember when 'historic' and 'development' couldn't be used together? Hollis Street has become upwardly mobile again after 150 years. The building next door to the Trust office on Dresden Row is revitalised. You can't walk in downtown Halifax without seeing a burgeoning heritage awareness. Now, if we can win the battle for that pre-Confederation range just south of Province House

We have excellent support from government institutions. I am always amazed at the knowledge and enthusiasm of Parks Canada. Surely that must be one of the best-run departments of government. The Nova Scotia Museum is another remarkable organisation - I recommend our Thursday series of talks at their Halifax headquarters if you are in town - third Thursday of the month. Then there is the N.S. Archives. How many of you have been there? You will get a real welcome and might even get addicted to their displays over several floors. The big display this spring and summer is on United Empire Loyalists. It was opened by the Lieutenant Governor in February. Dr. Blakeley, our Provincial Archivist, and one of our past-presidents spoke as well. She caught my attention when she reminded us that the population in our province doubled in one year!

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Round and About -- I gather this year is the 100th anniversary of the first steel ingot in Canada....where?..... Trenton, Nova Scotia. There seems to be stirrings of some sort of ceremony there.

Last year we ran a Trust tour to Barrington. We were treated to an early settlers' meal. It was great fun. We borrowed the idea for Heritage Day in Halifax in February. A walking tour followed by a settlers lunch in St. Matthew's Church Hall. Mary Harris was kind enough to act

as our advisor with her Barrington expertise. Hilary Grant got high school students involved which lead to the Minister of Education taking part, as well as the Mayor. The wife of the Lieutenant-Governor also attended. Mrs. Shaffner comes from a UEL background, thus is very involved in heritage this year.

It is a paradox. It is interesting and exciting to be involved with old things - except when the thing getting older is yourself. It is a paradox!

Ian McKee

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HERITAGE TRUST NEWS -

Note our change of address -

We no longer need our P.O. Box and it has been cancelled. All correspondence should now be addressed to :

1579 Dresden Row
Halifax, N. S.
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Heritage Trust Staff -

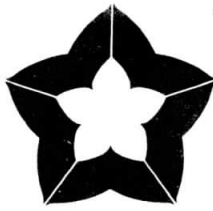
Hilary Grant has been appointed as our new Office Staff member. Hilary's experience should be a great asset and the work of all executive members should go more smoothly and be more effective now we have Hilary in the office to assist us.

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NOTE TO LIBRARIANS -

Volume 7 of The Griffin consisted of three issues only: March, June and September-October 1982.



Federation of Nova Scotian Heritage

WHAT IS THE FEDERATION OF NOVA SCOTIAN HERITAGE ?

The FNSH is one of eight Cultural Federations of Nova Scotia.:

DANS, Dance Nova Scotia; MANS, Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia; NSDL, Nova Scotia Drama League; NSDC, Nova Scotia Designer Craftsmen; NSCF, Nova Scotia Choral Federation; VANS, Visible Arts Nova Scotia; WFNS, Writers Federation Nova Scotia. These groups have their offices in the Sovereign Building, 5516 Spring Garden Road, Hfx.

The FNSH has 90 member groups throughout the Province, with a combined individual membership of 20,000. Such diverse groups as the Gaelic College of Celtic Folk Arts, the Christmas Island Historical Society and the Maud Lewis Painted House Society can maintain contact through the Federation.

We are very fortunate to have Elizabeth Ross as our Executive Director, Sylvia Kitely as Executive Secretary, and Betty-Ann Aaboe-Milligan as Training Coordinator. They are all able, forward-looking and dedicated friends of the Federation. The governing body is the Executive, elected from member organisations to determine policy.

The existence of this organisation means that 20,000 people, brought together by related interests can be helped by the Federation in a variety of ways. It acts as a representative of heritage groups to the government, and to other organisations. It provides a link between the 90 member groups so that all of

us can become aware of the interests, activities and needs of others.

Another very important function of the Federation is to organise seminars and discussion groups. In many cases these are facilities so that information discussed can be applied to practical problems, and practice gained in the skills discussed. For example, the seminars on cooking methods of the past, given at New Ross Farm and Louisbourg include rolling up your sleeves and getting flour on your hands. A seminar on Haliburton House gave us the opportunity to poke about in attics and corners so that we could see the superimposed changes that we had heard discussed. Graphics for the Small Museum had facilities for producing posters, labels for exhibits, and layouts for newsletters. These seminars are given in various parts of the Province, and are frequently repeated in subsequent years in different areas.

The Federation office contains a small library of materials on heritage topics and the members of the staff (Elizabeth, Sylvia and Betty-Ann) are very knowledgeable and willing to answer all manner of questions. Don't attempt to clean or restore any of the treasures in your attic until you have read something about the restoration and maintenance of heritage objects. Read "The Care of Historical Collections" by Guldbeck, from the Federation library. (It is sub-titled "A conservation handbook for the

non-specialist". and it is not at all formidable).

An Award is given annually at the Cultural Life Awards Banquet to a worker in the heritage field, as well as to the nominees from the other Federations. Our winner in 1981 was Gwendolyn Shand, the nominee of the Trust. To date these winners have been persons who have worked over the years for heritage, and have achieved Province wide recognition. It is hoped by some of us that there may be an additional Award for young persons who show enthusiasm for, and the promise of continued interest in, the many aspects of heritage. It is these workers who will in future be taking over the direction of the Federation and of the Trust and other member organisations. We would like to see them rewarded now.

The Federation actively supports such important matters as heritage legislation at all levels of government. It gave genuine financial help to the Trust at the time of the Appeals regarding the construction of the office block at the corner of George and Brunswick Streets in Halifax.

An important recent achievement of the Federation has been to obtain a group benefits insurance package including life insurance,

health care and eye and dental coverage for full-time employees in the heritage field. Many dedicated people remain shamefully underpaid, but now have a little more financial security. A future aim is the establishment of a satisfactory pension plan.

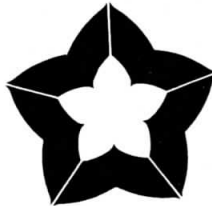
The Federation puts out the FEDERATION NEWS, sent to all member groups. It includes items of special interest in addition to information about the member groups, Officers, time and place of meetings, contact person. Unfortunately finances do not permit sending these to all 20,000 individuals. Ask at the Heritage Trust Office for the current copy, or become an individual member. This includes the FEDERATION NEWS and all mailings about seminars. It

also covers financial help to attend the seminars.

At only \$15.00 per year it is money well spent for those who would like to keep in touch with heritage affairs and attend some of the fascinating lectures and seminars.

I hope this will make the functions and benefits of the Federation a little clearer to you than they were to me when I became one of the representatives of the Trust to the Federation.

Lucille C. Stewart.



THE PRINCE AND HOLLIS BUILDINGS -

Five development companies are now preparing detailed designs for the Prince and Hollis block in downtown Halifax. The five companies were selected from 13 applicants by the Province of Nova Scotia, which now owns the block.

For a number of years, the Trust has been interested in the eight pre-Confederation buildings which occupy the site, between Hollis Street and Bedford Row, to the south of Prince Street. All eight of the buildings have been designated by the City of Halifax under the provincial Heritage Properties Act for their historic and architectural importance.

In October 1982, the provincial Department of Government Services issued a call for proposals for the land on which the buildings stand and for the vacant land behind the buildings. The 13 applications were received in response.

At the time of the call for proposals, the Hon. Gerry Lawrence, Minister of Government Services, stated that his recommendations to the Cabinet will include input from Heritage Trust. "Our department staff will be evaluating the proposals in concert with...Heritage Trust. We'd be sitting down with those people to go over the (proposals) and certainly they will have input."

The position of the Trust is clear. At the annual general meeting in 1975, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "Be it resolved that the Heritage Trust strongly supports the retention of the historic Prince and Hollis buildings.."

In addition, since the buildings are designated as a streetscape as well as for their individual significance, the Trust would like new construction on the vacant land behind the buildings to be sympathetic to the heritage buildings.

The Projects Committee has been acting to put forward the Trust's position. Architectural drawings of the buildings were commissioned. Designs were prepared of two options for new construction on the vacant land, in order to illustrate the issues of compatibility with the heritage buildings. These drawings, together with old photographs and thumbnail histories, were exhibited in December at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and in January and February at the School of Architecture, Technical University of Nova Scotia. A reception for government officials was held at the opening of the first exhibit.

Large scale architectural drawings have been given to each of the development companies in order to save them the effort of preparing drawings. They have also been given copies of the Trust booklet, "The Prince and Hollis Buildings", and a summary of the current Trust display.

The Projects Committee is hopeful that there will be acceptable proposals. If we are successful, this will be the largest restoration project in downtown Halifax since the historic waterfront buildings. It is the largest restoration opportunity remaining in downtown Halifax and clearly a project of national interest and significance.

The companies are to submit their proposals to the Province in late April. If you are able to help in any way, please call the Trust office at 423-4807.

Betty Pacey



Ellis Buildings



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Axonometric — Option II

This drawing shows the roofs of the new construction Option II and the eight designated buildings. The mall entrance and courtyard are also shown.



LOYALIST BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - BARRINGTON.
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LAST-EVER LOG DRIVE ON THE BARRINGTON RIVER!

Saturday, May 7 - 9.00 a.m. - all day. Crissie's Falls, Barrington

- The final drive of logs over rapids, falls and swift waters. Bring a packed lunch and your camera. Wear warm clothing and sturdy, weatherproof boots. Location directions will be posted.
- Old-time Community Suppers from 5.30 p.m. - times and locations will also be posted.

Sunday, May 8 - 1.30 p.m. - Scotts Mill Pond, Barrington:

- Come and see Phil Scott - the World's Champion Log-Roller - in action! Demonstrations of log-rolling and other loggers' sports by Phil, his brothers and friends.
- Community Suppers also available. (Watch the Chronicle Herald Nova Scotian supplement for front page story in February).

Saturday, July 9 - 5.00 p.m. Shag Harbour Fire Hall

- Salt Pollack and Fish Chowder Supper
- Tour of the Chapel Hill Museum.

August 7 - 13 - BARRINGTON OLD HOME WEEK

- Former pupils contact Mr. Walter (Buzz) Wilson
 Barrington Passage
 BOW 1G0 or phone 637-2661

Sunday, August 7 - 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. - Lions Hall, Barrington:
 4 to 5.30 p.m.

- "Eat 1763 in 1983" - Barrington Early Settlers Meal - Admission by ticket only - available from:
 Cape Sable Historical Society
 Barrington
 BOW 1E0 Or:

Barrington Tourist Bureau.

Saturday, August 13 - 10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. - old Gym., Barrington
 Municipal High School

- Craft Festival - Crafts for sale by Nova Scotian Craftsmen. Demonstrations and Exhibition.



"UNSHAKEN ATTACHMENT: The Loyalists
in Nova Scotia, 1779-1809" -

The Loyalist Bicentennial Exhibit marking the principal year of settlement - 1783 - of the United Empire Loyalists, was officially opened in the Provincial Archives of Nova Scotia on February 10, by The Hon. John E. Shaffner, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

As part of the very simple ceremony which marked the occasion, Mr. E.M.C. Morrisey of the Halifax-Dartmouth Branch of the United Empire Loyalists acknowledged and thanked all the organisations and individuals whose efforts had made the exhibition possible and all who had contributed to the success of the opening.

In a short and lively address welcoming his Honour The Lieutenant Governor and guests - and giving thanks that we did not have a blizzard - Dr. Phyllis Blakeley said that the PANS decided to mark the 200th anniversary by a Loyalist exhibition concentrating on documents in their own collection.

"... Mr. Hugh Taylor, who retired as Provincial Archivist last April ... planned and arranged the exhibit with assistance from our picture archivist, Miss Margaret Campbell and from Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Taylor is not with us tonight because he is in Vancouver for three months teaching an archives course at the University of British Columbia... Mr. Taylor has skillfully interwoven manuscripts, artifacts, pictures and maps.

"Also, I wish to express my appreciation to Dr. Matthews and Dr. Dawson who printed our poster on one of their old printing presses in the Dawson Room at Dalhousie University.

"I am tremendously impressed by the number of Manuscripts in our collection of the Loyalist period - Bailey Collection of Annapolis Co., White Collection of Shelburne Co., and Court Papers from Shelburne, as well as letters of Governor Parr, Governor Wentworth and Surveyor-General Charles Morris, and land petitions.

"An outstanding exhibit is the surveyor's chain hanging on the end wall - as you look at it think of the Loyalist settlers who helped by carrying the chain through the dense woods.

The central artifact ... is the red uniform coat of Capt. John Legett of the Royal North Carolina Volunteer which has been restored for us by the Canadian Conservation Institute. I remember Capt. Legett's great, great grand-daughter telling me that Capt. Legett only wore his coat on ceremonial occasions as a Justice of the Peace or at Church - but that his breeches wore out when he was clearing land.

"In Halifax the captain attended service at the Little Dutch Church on Brunswick Street and his mind wandered from the sermon to the Rector's pretty daughters. When spring came and he prepared to move to his grant of land at Country Harbour he took with him as his wife one of the Rector's daughters.

"In one year - 1783 - the population doubled from 20,000 to 40,000. Imagine the task of providing shelter, food and a livelihood for these Loyalists, disbanded troops and refugees.

"Although it is often said that the Loyalists brought to Nova Scotia a "bishopric, a college and a magazine", the Loyalist tradition was not as strong as in New Brunswick where they founded a province.

"The Hon John Shaffner... is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, and Nova Scotians are fortunate that their Lieutenant-Governor is so deeply interested in the heritage and history of their province. His Honour is a native of Annapolis County, where the first fleet of Loyalists arrived in October 1782, and since the Shaffners were PRE-Loyalists, they undoubtedly welcomed the Loyalists to Nova Scotia..."

Dr. Blakeley is herself descended from Loyalist Chambers Blakeley, a farmer driven from the 96 District in South Carolina who settled at Ship Harbour in Halifax County.

The Lieut.-Governor cut the ribbon to officially open the Exhibit, after which the guests mingled, met old friends, looked at the display of artifacts and toasted the event in champagne while tucking into the excellent refreshments which ranged from tiny hot savoury meat turnovers through cheese, crackers and apple slices to fruit and ginger breads and minute ginger cookies - rather far removed I would suspect, from the "King's Rations" offered according to the printed programme. A most effective touch was afforded by the attractively-dressed servers and doormen in period costume

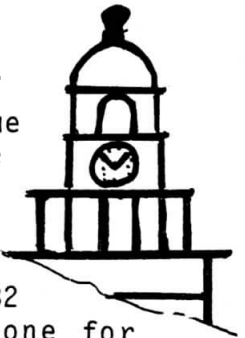
Throughout the evening music of the period was provided by the Oxford Players, and Halifax Schools Department Sr. Flute and Clarinet Ensembles.

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The Exhibition is in the Chase Room at the Public Archives building on University Avenue and Robie Street, and will remain open until October 15, 1983.

FRIENDS OF THE CITADEL -

The January 1983 issue of the newsletter of the Friends of the Citadel Society reports a successful 1982:



"In many ways the 1982 season was a successful one for your Society. Sales in our interpretive retail outlet increased 62%, our staffed Visitor Services Centre drew many favourable comments, 3 issues of our newsletter were sent to members and a variety of successful Special Events helped to make our aims and objectives better known..."

The current program featured an evening of traditional music and song "similar to that experienced by 19th century British soldiers"; and a coasting party on the western slopes of Citadel Hill.

ATLANTIC CANADA INSTITUTE 1983 -

Again the Atlantic Canada Institute program will cover every one of the Atlantic Provinces.

Each one-week session will meet in a different province. This is the first year to offer a French Language Week (at Caraquet).

Dates and locations are :-

10-15 July: Village Historique
Acadien, Caraquet, New Brunswick.

17-22 July: University of King's
College, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

24-29 July: Memorial University,
St. John's Newfoundland.

31 July-5 August: University of
Prince Edward Island, Charlotte-
town, P.E.I.

For more information write to:
Atlantic Canada Institute
P.O. Box 895
Armdale, N.S. B3L 4K5.

PROGRAMME - APRIL-JUNE, 1983 -

NOTE..... THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON MARCH 17.

ANNUAL DINNER.SATURDAY, MARCH 19th

at
THE WAEGWOLTIC CLUB.

7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets: \$10.50 each.

Speaker: BRIAN CUTHBERTSON, Public Records Archivist. Topic: Sir John Wentworth.

Musical entertainment by members of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

If you have not already booked your ticket, don't delay, space is limited.

SPRING TOUR - MIDDLETON - MAY 21

Last day for registration Friday May 13. Bus departs from Lord Nelson Hotel 8.30 a.m. Sat. May 21, and returns about 10 p.m. Bring a box lunch

We will visit the new Annapolis Valley MacDonald Museum, a 17th cent. Church, two charming homes, a thriving pig farm, a large garden centre and more.

Bus	\$14.00
Registration	2.00
Dessert, Coffee/Tea	1.50
Turkey Supper	6.50
Total	\$24.00

Car people will meet us at Middleton at 11 a.m. It should be a fun, informative day. Bring a camera.

Our regular monthly meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium of the N.S. Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax.

April 21 - CAROL WHITFIELD, Chief of Research, Halifax Defence Complex. Topic: Tommy Atkins in Halifax 1850-1880.

May 19 - MARY ARCHIBALD, Writer. Topic: Joseph Durpie, a United Empire Loyalist who settled in Shelburne.

June 12 - SPECIAL MEETING - Sunday at 2.30 p.m. - Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Water Street, JAMES ST. CLAIR. Topic: The architecture of Mabou, Cape Breton.

This talk is of special interest to the members and friends interested in taking our tour to Cape Breton, 8-10 October - Thanksgiving Weekend.

June 16 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.