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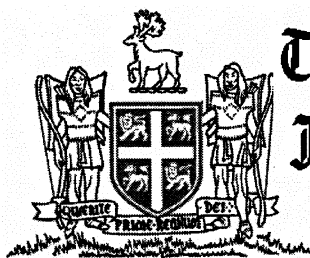
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Newsletter

President's Message

Hello to all NHS members. The executive of the Newfoundland Historical Society has had a busy summer with an extended lecture season and plans for the upcoming year.

In May we were entertained by the young singers of Shallaway who gave us an evening of songs from our seafaring tradition. Jim Wellman of CBC, Stephen Hull of the Provincial Archaeology Unit, and our own Executive member Robert Parsons rounded out the evening by sharing their research on shipwrecks. Thanks to choir director Susan Knight, all participants, and to Robert Thompson, Chair of the Shallaway Board of Directors, for help in organizing the event.

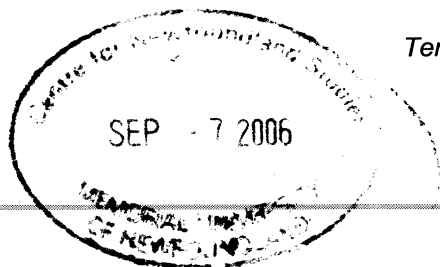
In June we visited Trinity where we held the first of two conferences marking the 90th anniversary of the tragedy at Beaumont Hamel. The talks were all wonderful and we extend our thanks to all presenters. The venue at the Rising Tide Theatre was excellent. We are very grateful to Donna Butt for the use of the Theatre and to our partners, the Trinity Historical Society, for all their hard work. James Miller of the Trinity HS was so efficient, everything ran very smoothly.

This fall we have speakers lined up for the last Thursday of the month in September and November – see our schedule for details. From 19-21 of October we will have the second part of our conference commemorating World War One and particularly Beaumont Hamel. Many speakers will focus on the issue of remembrance. How have historians and other authors written about the war over the decades, and how has this changed? How do we remember those who served and those who died? Why have our memorials taken the form they have? In keeping with our mandate, most of our speakers will discuss these questions as they relate to Newfoundland and Labrador, but with the support of the French Ambassador to Canada, the British High Commissioner, and the President of Memorial University, we will also be joined by international scholars who will give a French and British perspective. As well, the Government of Canada, through the Department of Veterans Affairs, has been very generous in support of our conference and will sponsor an expert who will speak on the building of the Canadian War Memorial. The opening night of the conference will be at the Rooms and the rest will be held at Memorial University's beautiful new INCO lecture theatre. As always, all sessions are free to the public and parking will be provided. Later in this newsletter you will find a draft schedule of the conference. We hope to see many of you there.

This year we welcome several new executive members: Jessie Chisholm, Calvin Hollett, Shawn Kelly, Nancy Snedden and Terry Carleson. We look forward to working with all of them and benefiting from their varied expertise and experience.

Stay tuned to our website for updates on activities. We hope to see many of you this fall.

Terry Bishop Stirling, September 2006



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Your Newsletter

If you have an item of news, an anecdote, a picture from the past, an old saying, an event of historical interest happening in your corner of Newfoundland and Labrador, why not share it with fellow members in your NHS Newsletter? Simply mail your contribution to the postal address on the first page or email it to nhs@nf.aibn.com

Membership

Our summer has yet again flown by and we will soon be in the swing of the fall lectures. The membership committee has been active this summer. Vicki Barbour, Catherine Rice and I have been working on a new NHS brochure, which will be ready this fall.

Thank you to all 506 members who paid their annual fee. If you haven't paid your membership fee please do so. The Society depends on your continued financial support to bring you the newsletter, the Newfoundland Quarterly, other publications and to hold monthly lectures and symposia.

Deborah Andrews, Chair, Membership Committee

Publications

The committee members are Joan Ritcey, Terry Bishop Stirling, Jeff Webb, Jim Hiller and Mike Wilkshire. Jeff Webb continues his work as editor of *Aspects* in the *Newfoundland Quarterly*, and Catherine Rice, our Office Manager, continues to manage the sale of our stock of publications via the usual outlets as well as at our meetings and symposia. In addition, we have been working on a brand-new project in partnership with Boulder Publications: the publication of *A Short History of Newfoundland and Labrador* (working title). Under discussion for some while now, it is moving closer to becoming a reality. An impressive group of authors (Lisa Rankin, Peter Pope, Olaf Janzen, Jim Hiller, Jeff Webb and Terry Bishop Stirling) has been lined up, and we plan to have a draft ready before Christmas 2006 with printing complete by spring 2007. This will represent the latest understanding of the history of our province, written by eminently qualified specialists, and at the same time be concise and accessible to a general audience. Look for an update in the next Newsletter!

Mike Wilkshire, Chair, Publications Committee

The Trinity Symposium, June 2-3 2006.

At Home and Abroad: Newfoundland and World War I was the title of the symposium organized jointly by the Newfoundland Historical Society and the Trinity Historical Society. The presentations centred not just on the men at the front, but also on the huge effort made by such a small colony to support them, ranging from government finance to groups of women knitting socks.



Participants at the Trinity Symposium take a break from the sessions in the Rising Tide Theatre.

