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PERPETUAL CARE OF MONUMENT

The Association elected a committee of five members in 1991 to approach the County Solicitor, Mr. David N. Muise on the question of perpetual care of the Cape Breton Highlanders War Monument erected on the County Court House grounds fronting on Kings Road, Sydney. The Committee included the following members: Henry George, Robert Kipping, Sharkey MacDonald, Angus MacLeod (now deceased) and Joseph McMullin.

The first item the committee wanted settled was the question of the title to the land on which the monument is located. Mr. Muise advised the committee that the land in question, although belonging to the County, is located in the City of Sydney, and if we were to have it deeded to the Association it would then become subjected to the City

of Sydney for taxing or whatever the City decided to do with it. He suggested that the better way would be to have the land leased to the Association on a Perpetuity (no time limit) clause. We also have the other benefits which we have been enjoying from the County to date. The grounds keepers have been mowing the grass, washing down the monument, planting the flowers (which we supply), and watering the grounds. They also keep the area free of all trash, etc. Besides all this, the County is allowing us the privilege of their well kept parking lot.

Here is a basic outline of the First Draft of Agreement between the County and the Highlanders:

Whereas the Highlanders wish to establish a fund for the ongoing support of the Highlanders Monument in Sydney, Nova Scotia

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Now This Indenture Witnesseth that the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. That there shall be established a fund to be known as the Cape Breton Highlanders' Fund.

2. That the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton shall administer the said Fund.

3. That a committee comprised of the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton and three (3) representatives from the Cape Breton Highlanders Association shall be formed to administer the Fund and to address issues raised regarding expenditures from the Fund. All decisions of this Committee shall be subject to approval by a General Meeting of the Cape Breton Highlanders' Association.

4. That the Highlanders shall deposit monies into the said Fund at such times and in such amounts as they from time to time determine. No money shall be withdrawn from the Fund until it has grown to the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) or five years have elapsed, provided that any withdrawals or expenditures are approved according to paragraph 3 above.

5. That the said Fund shall only be used for Capital improvements or major repairs to the Cape Breton Highlanders' Monument, unless a vote of a general meeting of the Highlanders determine otherwise.

Further to the above it was determined at our regular meeting in April of this year that the Committee (paragraph 3) shall meet once each year regardless of business issues, in order to maintain a good rapport.

We wrote to Mr. Muise advising him on this matter and he is drawing up a new draft which will include this item. The agreement is to be signed at our next regular meeting August 30, with all parties present. The meeting will be held at Royal Canadian Legion, Whitney Pier Br. 128, at 1400 hrs. on that date.



C.B.H. HISTORY FUND

We sent out a special newsletter in February to all of the members, spelling out the proposal to produce a Regimental history to be published early in 1995. In that letter we asked each member to make a contribution of \$20.00 to be used for costs related to the preliminary research. If all four hundred members (more or less) would have responded to this request we would now have eight thousand dollars (approximately) in the history account. To date only seventy-two have responded for a total of twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500). Based on \$20.00 each, the contribution for 72 members would equal \$1,440.00. The difference is an extra \$1,060.00, which shows a degree of generosity on the part of some.

We have invited Alex Morrison to our reunion in September at which time he will address the Annual Meeting with regards to the cost of publication and the many other questions in mind. PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN SOON.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

As of January 1, 1992 the dues have been set at Ten dollars (\$10.00) per person per annum. Because the dues are used to cover the cost of the newsletters, mail, office supplies, typing and the many miscellaneous costs incurred in the overall general functioning of the Association on a local scale, it is most important that each member pay his dues.

We send out some four hundred newsletters twice a year. An examination of our receipts for a three (3) year period shows that there are one hundred fifty-nine (159) members who have been faithfully paying their dues and helping out wherever finances are needed. This means that forty percent (40%) of the membership is carrying (or have been carrying for three years) the cost of operating the Association. Are you one of the 60% who are not responding? Maybe you should ask yourself - "When did I last pay my dues?" One member submitted the following:

Prescription for a Laugh

Just a line to say I'm living,
That I'm not among the dead,
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And more mixed up in the head.

There are times I can't remember,
When I stand beside the stairs,
If I must go up for something,
Or had just came down from there.

And before the fridge, so often
While My mind is filled with
doubt;
If I'd just put the food away,
Or did come to take some out?

There are times when it is dark out,
With my night cap on my head,
I don't know if I'm retiring,
Or had just got out of bed.

If I miss my turn to write you
There's no need in getting sore,
I may think that I have written
And don't want to be a bore.

Please remember I still love you,
And I wish that you were here,
And because it's nearly mail time
I will say "Good-by, my dear."

As I stand here by the mailbox
And my face grows very red,
I have failed to mail the letter
Because I opened it instead.

Al Zimmer

TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL REUNION

As previously mentioned in our Newsletter of December 1991, we will again advise you of the dates for this year's reunion. The 23rd Annual will be held at The Royal Canadian Legion, Whitney Pier, Branch 128, Sydney, on Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19 respectively.

This year's guest speaker is to be the former County Warden, Joseph Wadden. He was the man who worked so hard to make the land and the financial assistance available for the C.B.H. Association's Monument Committee. Without his help the burden of monies and land could have been most grievous for us. For those of you who were present at the unveiling of the Monument in 1988 during our 19th Annual, you will remember that it was Mr. Wadden who did the honours and also addressed the Memorial on behalf of the people of Cape Breton. Mr. Wadden has since retired from political life.

There will be no reduction in the registration fee this year as in previous years. In the past we had a special reduced rate for couples, but for this year there will be a straight Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per person.



MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED ON SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Joseph Amadio	67	Niagara Falls, Ont.
Lauchlin B. Brown	72	Dinwall, C.B.
Victor Campbell	73	New Waterford, N.S.
Michael Danyluk	69	Glace Bay, N.S.
Fred A. McInnis	69	Kingston, Ont.
Malcolm J. MacKinnon	74	Glace Bay, N.S.
James MacLellan	76	Glace Bay, N.S.
Sidney Matthews	69	Great Village, N.S.
Claude Muir	72	Stellarton, N.S.
Thomas Porter	68	Glace Bay, N.S.
Simon Roberts	71	Oshawa, Ont.
Clarence Skiffington	72	Loch Lomond, C.B.
Joseph R. White	71	New Waterford, N.S.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's
 bowers bloom,
 By waters still, o'er troubled sea, Still tis God's Hand that
 leadeth me.
 And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the
 victory's won,
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God thro' Jordan
 leadeth me.
 He leadeth me, He leadeth Me! By His own hand He leadeth me!
 His faithful follower I would be. For by His hand He leadeth me.

YOUR LETTERS

We have received a good number of letters since the last newsletter. Most of those who had written sent words of commendation to the locals for their efforts in maintaining the Association. We thank you for your many kind remarks and we would have you to know that we count it a privilege to be able to serve the Association.

The new date, September, for the Reunion has been well received, in fact we have only received a positive note thus far. It may well be that most of the Legions will be closing down their kitchens for the summer months in the future.

We are sorry to hear that many are not well and that some of the wives and family members are also unwell. We had a letter from Judge

Joe MacIntyre this month and he informed us that he was waiting to be hospitalized for open-heart surgery within the next three months. He does not expect to be at this year's reunion. May it comfort you to know that our prayers are ever with you - all the best, old buddies.

Some of you have written concerning badges and crests. We sent as many items as we had in stock at the time, but some of you had missed out on them. We now have blazer crests (\$18.50), cap badges (\$20.00) and collar pins (\$2.00). The cap badges are styled after the original badge, and are anodized so that they will remain permanently shiny. If you order by mail, please send a little extra for postage.

REMEMBER WHENFamous quotes

"The reasons the young men are late returning from town is because they have moonlight in their drawers."
Mayor Nesbit

"Buckie isn't your best signalman, Sergeant MacGregor. Buckie is just a nice big boy."
Major Ogalvie

"Give me a 'point' of mild and bitters." Anonymous

"Yeah! Yeah! S'y - the next thing you'll be tellin' me is that Alex Yokubowski is also related to 'joint' MacAskill." Anonymous

Carry Me Back to Dear Ole Blithie

The airports were very busy when the planes were returning from bombing missions and landing priorities were given to such as had casualties and

damages to their aircrafts. On one occasion a pilot requested landing permission because he was running on one engine. The plane which landed was a Spitfire. From Punch

A group of the nobility were sitting out on the patio enjoying an evening tea while a flight of German bombers were passing overhead. One old gentleman was standing by the rail and counting the number of planes in the flight. The caption read: "___, ___, ___, 99, 100, 101, 102, Blige, Jerry is not half mad tonight."

From: The Best of Punch
Remember the English billboard depicting the butcher instructing a lady shopper concerning rationing of meat: "You can't have this weeks roast with next weeks this week, but if you wait until next week, you can have next weeks roast with this weeks next week."



Top Photo: This is how it was in '39. We see a group of Cape Breton's smart set in the latest in fashion. hiking alone one of the byways of our beautiful Island. They are (L/R) Al Robertson; Riddler Morrison; Unknown; Joe Legge; Basil George; Perley Cameron.

Photo on Left: This is a picture of John F.X. MacNeil from Beaver Cove, C.B. John passed away some 12 or 14 years ago. He never married and the family farm has been taken over by a nephew. You will remember him as one of the savers of our soles!

NOTE: SOME OF YOU ARE STILL WRITING TO THE GLACE BAY ADDRESS. IN FURTHER, PLEASE WRITE TO: C.B.H. ASSOCIATION, SITE 6, COMP. 10, RR#5, SYDNEY, N.S. B1P 6G7

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: J.G. has not called, and WISH suggests that he may have ran out of slugs!