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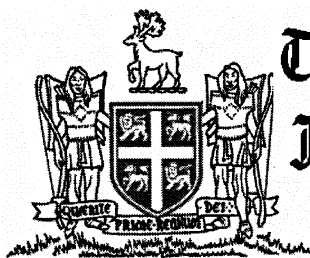
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The Newfoundland Historical Society 1905 - 2006 Newsletter

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.

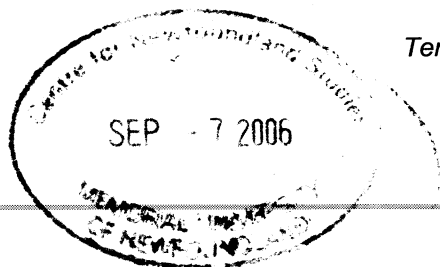
In June we visited Trinity where we held the first of two conferences marking the 90th anniversary of the tragedy at Beaumont Hamel. The talks were all wonderful and we extend our thanks to all presenters. The venue at the Rising Tide Theatre was excellent. We are very grateful to Donna Butt for the 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.

Memories of Ann and Seamus

In May we had a special evening inspired by Kevin Major's *Ann and Seamus*. After an opening performance from the Shallaway choir directed by Susan Knight, Kevin Major spoke to us about his work inspired by the efforts of Ann Harvey and her family. Then Jim Wellman, Robert Parsons and Stephen Hull each gave fascinating presentations on the theme of shipwrecks. Here are two young performers from the Shallaway choir.



Newfoundland Historical Society Heritage Award Winner for 2006

The award was presented at the closing banquet of the Trinity Symposium by NHS Vice-President Melanie Martin to Gordon Bradley for his long and extensive dedication to heritage conservation. A well-deserved honour.



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Entente cordiale symposium

The proceedings of the symposium on "Newfoundland and the Entente Cordiale, 1904-2004", held two years ago, will be available later this year. This will be a special edition of *Newfoundland and Labrador Studies*. The volume includes most of the presentations, images of the French Shore, and extracts from the debates on the *entente* in the legislatures of Newfoundland, Britain and France. The cost will be \$10.00. If you would like to order a copy, please let the NHS office know.



NHS Events Calendar



Fall 2006

Thursday, September 28th at 8.00 pm at Hampton Hall, Marine Institute. Lecture/Book Launch: Jo Shawyer, Alan MacPherson, and Keith Storey will talk on their book *Four Centuries and the City: Perspectives on the Historical Geography of St. John's*.

Thursday, October 19th – Saturday, October 21st: a Newfoundland Historical Society Symposium. Remembering – Beaumont Hamel, Newfoundland and the First World War. See draft schedule enclosed for locations, speakers, times etc.

Thursday, November 30th at 8.00 pm at Hampton Hall, Marine Institute. Karen Stanbridge: "Children and the Confederation Debate, 1948".

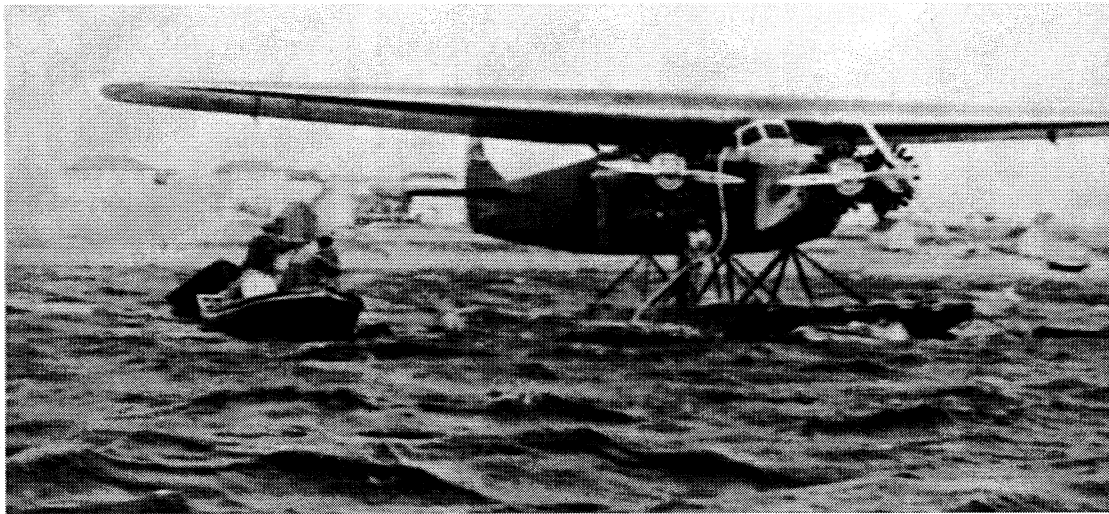


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**Newfoundland Historical Society Conference, Oct. 19-21, 2006
Programme (draft)**

Remembering: World War One, Beaumont Hamel and Newfoundland

Thursday, 19 Oct. Location: The Rooms

Evening Session

- 7:30 Welcome and opening remarks
- 8:00-8:35 *World War One in Newfoundland History and Culture*
Shane O'Dea, Memorial University
- 8:35-9:10 *World War One in French History and Culture*
Pierre Purseigle Université de Toulouse
- 9:30 Reception offered by the French Embassy

Friday, 20 Oct. Location: Memorial University, Education Bldg. Rm.3034a

Afternoon Session

- 2:00-4:00 *Sources for Researching and Teaching Newfoundland History* Panel
The Centre for Newfoundland Studies Joan Ritcey
- The Regimental Records at the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and
Labrador* Greg Walsh
- The Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage Website*

Evening Session

- 7:30-7:45 Welcome
- 7:45-8:20 *Great Britain and the Battle of the Somme: Memory and History*
William Philpott, King's College, London
- 8:20-8:55 *The Continuity of Death at Sea: Remembering the Newfoundland Naval Reserve*
Mark Hunter, Memorial University
- 9:15 Reception offered by the Office of the British High Commissioner

Saturday, 21 Oct. Location: INCO Lecture Hall, Memorial University

- 9:00-9:15 Welcome, President Newfoundland Historical Society
- 9:15-9:40 *The Newfoundland Regiment to Beaumont Hamel*
Anthony McAllister and David Parsons, Regimental Historians

9:40-10:05 *The Newfoundland War History Committee, World War One*
Jessie Chisholm, Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador

10:05-10:15 Questions

10:15-10:40 *The Building of the Canadian War Memorial*
Speaker TBA

10:40-10:45 Questions

10:45-11:05 Nutrition Break

11:05-11:30 *The Newfoundland Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD)*
Mary Philpott, Independent Researcher

11:30-11:55 *Francis Cluett: Newfoundland VAD*
Senator William Rompkey

11:55-12:10 Questions

12:10-2:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session

2:00-2:35 *Historians and World War One*
Jay Winter, Yale

2:35-3:00 *The Construction of the Newfoundland War Memorial, St. John's*
Darren McGrath and Gary Brown, Independent Researchers

3:00-3:15 Questions

3:15-3:30 Short Break

3:30-3:55 *The Building of Beaumont Hamel Park*
Robert Harding, Dalhousie University

3:55-4:20 *Imagination is Everywhere: The Mixing of Imagination and Reality Within the
Tourism of World War One*
Arlene King, Director, Beaumont Hamel Newfoundland Memorial

4:20-4:35 Questions

7:00 **Banquet - The Bungalow, Bowring Park**

After dinner entertainment:

Anita Best and Bert Riggs "Songs and Prose of World War One"

**Seating is limited. To order tickets please call Catherine Rice at 722-3191 or
Debby Andrews at 737-7475 or 579-2857**