

FREDERICTON REGION MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

November 2016

It all starts here!!

YSHS November Program

The Program Committee is pleased to announce the following presentation for the York Sunbury Historical Society. Presentations take place at 7:30pm in the basement of Government House (51 Woodstock Road). A reception follows the presentation and are free and open to the public.

Speaker: Bob Dallison

Topic: The Fenians

Date: November 17, 2016

In the 1860s, New Brunswick experienced its own brand of international terrorism. The Fenian Brotherhood sought to oust the British from their beloved Ireland and found support among Irish-American immigrants. Eager to help the cause, the American Fenian sympathizers contrived to invade British North America and hold it hostage. New Brunswick, with its large Irish population and undefended frontier, seemed the prefer target.



In the spring of 1866, the Fenians massed along the southwest border of New Brunswick. The recently appointed Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, Arthur Hamilton Gordon, proved to be the right man, at the right place, at the right time. He revitalized the militia, called in British reinforcements, and summoned a squadron of British warships. This proved too much for the Fenians, who withdrew and turned their efforts against the more vulnerable central Canada.

The Fenian Crisis had a profound effect on the red-hot political debate occurring over Confederation. In the 1865 election, prior to the arrival of the Fenians, New Brunswickers voted overwhelmingly against Confederation. However in the 1867 election, after facing a possible foreign invasion, New Brunswickers opted to join Confederation.

Robert L. Dallison served for 35 years with the Canadian Army, retiring as a lieutenant-colonel. Prior to joining the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, he completed a B.A. (History and International Studies) at the University of British Columbia. He has travelled the world, serving with the United Nations in Cyprus, and as staff intelligence officer in Germany. A graduate of Royal Roads Military College and Royal Military College, he is a highly respected historian.



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Christmas Luncheon Notification

It is that time of the year again! The annual York Sunbury Historical Society Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 1st at the Fredericton Inn in their Regency dining room. Guests should plan to arrive for 11:30am, as the lunch will begin at 12pm.

The menu is as follows:

- Tossed Garden, Potato, Three Bean Salads
- Soup of the Day & Homemade Rolls
- Stuffed Chicken Breast, Baby Carrots, Baby White Potatoes
- Assorted Light Desserts
- Tea and Coffee

Don Roberts will be making a Christmas presentation and the M. J. Harvey award will be presented. Price is \$21.00 per person to be paid individually.

Please RSVP by November 29th by email to yorksunbury@nb.aibn.com, phone to 455-6041, or in person at the Fredericton Region Museum. We hope to see you there!

Call for Expressions of Interest

Each year, the YSHS seeks out people interested in helping it achieve its mission to collect, preserve and interpret historical data, records and objects relating to the history of the province of New Brunswick, and in particular that of York and Sunbury Counties.

The YSHS invites expressions of interest from those who wish to serve on the Board of Directors and committees including Collections, Exhibitions, Publications, Membership, Programs, Awards and Health & Safety.

Please email the Expression of Interest, and any questions or queries to: Ruth Murgatroyd, Executive Director at yorksunbury@nb.aibn.com

You may include a resume if you wish.

2017 Membership

Don't forget to renew your York- Sunbury Historical Society memberships for 2017! To enjoy another year of history and fun, download a membership form by following this link:

<https://yorksunburymuseum.files.wordpress.com/2010/06/membership-brochure-trifold.pdf>.

A great Christmas gift idea!

Canada's 150th Kickoff

On New Year's Eve, 19 urban centres across Canada, including Fredericton, will ring in the New Year in a grand way. From St. John's to Victoria, thousands of Canadians will gather in their community to take part in memorable celebrations! Canada's Capital Region will also play host to a large-scale event on Parliament Hill.

In Fredericton, Canadians can expect a spectacular show highlighting local artists, with a spotlight on what makes this region so unique, diverse and dynamic. This will be a great preview of the many celebrations taking place throughout 2017 for the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

Fredericton's Canada 150 Kickoff Celebration will be a multi-venue, family-friendly experience, with a major concert in Officers' Square and fireworks.

Everyone is invited to visit the Fredericton Region Museum to view our recently launched Confederation exhibit. There will be free admission.



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