

## President Message

As I write this message for Dispatches, I can hardly believe that August is winding down and September is almost upon us. I hope everyone is doing well and surviving in these uncertain times.

Our province has been in a State of Emergency for over 5 months and there is no real end in sight. Although, the restrictions have been lifted to some extent, there is still a significant concern amongst the public over the "second wave" of COVID-19. Your Board will be meeting (most likely virtually) in September, to discuss some form of limited gatherings, so please stand by. After all, as I mentioned in my August message, our Club still has to conduct the Annual General Meeting.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Bob Dallison and Francis Perry who have organized summer "walkabouts". On August 22, Bob and Francis led a number of members on a guided tour of a number of locations along the majestic St. John River system. If there were a Presidential award to be presented to the member with the greatest Club Spirit, the odds on favourite for receipt would clearly be Bob.

In closing, here is a photo (see below Manager's note) I took from my iPhone of all things, that probably summarizes this pandemic and how to cope. I hope that you all continue to stay strong, safe and healthy.

George Filliter

## Gagetown and Area Tour with Bob

Past President Robert Dallison is not only our resident historian, explorer and author but he is a one-man Entertainment committee.

We met on a foggy morning in the shadow of the big moose at the Irving for appetizers, small talk and gossip. As the fog burned off, we hit the road for another mini history tour. Who knew the Village of Gagetown was such a wealth of historical significance? The gems included an exposé on a Father of Confederation and a visit to the Court House. Friendly conversation ensued as the COVID rules made washroom visits a little complicated.

Our next stop was a true revelation. Many of us had heard the term "home children" but had never understood the details.... until now. What an intriguing story of a grandmother whose connection to her childhood rested in a memory and a small trunk.

And, while many know about the connection of New Brunswick to the underground railway, none of us had heard of the black settlement huddled on the shores of the Saint John River and how it sheltered freed slaves being sought as "property" by the likes of George Washington.

Lunch in a stunningly beautiful park overlooking the river capped off another delightful day for 20 something happy Garrison Club members.

Special thanks to Bob, Francis and Greg for a wonderful day.

Jim Quigley

## Message from the Club Manager

Hello September!

For those of you who are not big fans of the summer heat, it is your time of year. We are full speed ahead into the cooler months and hopefully it will be a LONG warm fall. With COVID still around, unfortunately our normal summer events have not happened. Luckily, Bob Dallison is great source for us to utilize. We had another stellar history tour around the Gagetown area. We were even lucky enough to have a wonderful gentleman by the name of Gerald Hudson McIntyre, drop by our stop at the Black Settlement Site. This man's family is from the area and he is the one who made it the [historic site](#) it is today.

Don't want to miss out on the next event with Bob? See details in this Dispatches.

Francis Perry



**Reminder:** With COVID, we are not having our events. These events also raise funds for your Club. So, it is very important to keep your accounts paid up each month. Thank you!

## Upcoming Event Fourth History Walk and Picnics

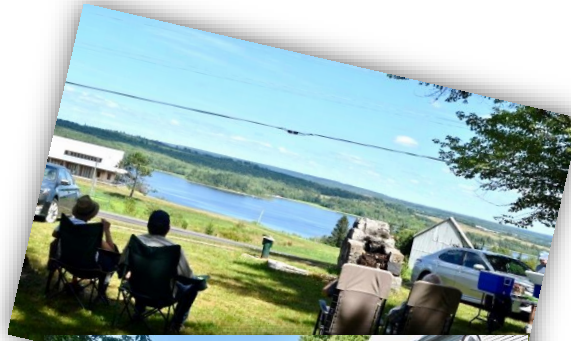
Due to the success of the previous three History Walks and Picnics, a fourth one is planned for Tuesday September 15th, rain day is Wednesday 16th. It will follow the usual format. This time we will continue to explore the historic sites along the Saint John River. We will start in Fredericton at the site of the Fort Nashwaak and discuss the failed British attempt to capture it. We will then make our way to Queenstown, where arrangements have been made to visit a lovely Loyalist home built in 1795 and has been continuously lived in ever since, with little change. With luck, the trees will have started turning colours making the drive special. Francis will again provide one of his tasty lunches. We will gather at 0900 hours in Carleton Park, (boat launch area) along the park roadway which runs parallel to Union Street. Bring a partner, a lawn chair, and a curiosity of our history.

Please inform Francis of your participation no later than September 12.



Myrna accepting her winnings as part of the games on Dispatches back in April.

## Photos From our Recent History Walk



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