



Village Follies members have been busy in rehearsal for the upcoming Dinner Theatre "If The Shoe Fits!", written by Shannon Fielding. Tickets are now on sale for performances on May 9th, 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 17th at the Debert Hospitality Centre. Several cast members learning choreography for one of the musical numbers include (left to right): Malcolm Macpherson, Angela Saunders, André Myette, John Harrington and Lisa McBurnie. (Harrington Photo)

Happenings at "The Parrsboro Band Hall"

By Patricia Burke

The hall in Parrsboro has been a busy spot the last few months, regardless of the weather we have experienced. Improvements to the building are on-going such as heat ducts installed on both side of the stage, 2 windows in kitchen and 1 in the office and a janitor room has been built in the kitchen. Billy Wheaton volunteered to do the janitor room which we are very appreciative.

Events to take place in April include: Open Mic on the 11th & 25th. Movie night

will be on the 2nd & 16 and there will be a 5th Wed. Illustrated Presentation on the 30th. A Chorale Concert will be held on Sat. April 11 at 7 pm. The Parrsboro Citizens' Choir, The Parrsboro Elementary Choir and a male vocal group, The Goodfellas from Amherst, will sing. Cost will be \$5 per person.

On Sat. April 26, 2014 Catherine MacClellan will be in concert at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Just a reminder that when you are spring cleaning and have bottles you would like to get rid

of, the band has an account set up at Durants in Parrsboro, just drop them off and tell them you would like to donate them to "The hall".

It is membership time at the hall. Why not sign up to be a member of an active organization or renew. The band association has introduced new initiatives for being a member. If you need more info call Carolyn Henwood at 254-2442. For all info about what we are doing and will do in the future visit our website at www.thehall.ca

Catherine MacClellan to Perform in Parrsboro, April 26

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association is pleased to announce their 2nd concert in their concert series with Catherine Mac Clellan, a well known PEI native and the daughter of well known musician Gene Mac Clellan. This wonderful concert will be held on Sat. April 26, 2014 at "The Hall", 44 King Street in Parrsboro. Everything will get started at 8 pm.

Catherine's songwriting talent and accomplished performances draws her listeners in with little effort, and without need for any persuasion.

The concert promises to be a popular one so you should get your tickets early. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased on line at www.thehall.ca, go to PayPal section. You can also

use major credit cards there as well. You can also call 1-902-701-8954 and leave a message.

Tickets will be available after April 1 at Sweet Briar Boutique in Parrsboro. A door prize will be drawn for during the concert for an individual who is a member of the hall, so make sure you sign up or renew your membership (\$15 single, family \$25) before the concert so your name will be in for the draw. There will also be drawing for 2 tickets to concert of their choice for members only. You will need to show the membership card to claim your prize.

Tupper's Former Summer Residence to get \$385,000 Restoration/Renovation

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Privy Council for Canada (1870-72), Minister of Inland Revenue (1872-73), Minister of Customs (1873-74), Minister of Public Works (1878-79), and Minister of Railways and Canals (1879-84). Initially groomed as Macdonald's successor, Tupper had a falling out with Macdonald, and by the early 1880s, he asked Macdonald to appoint him as Canadian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. Tupper took up his post in London in 1883, and would remain High Commissioner until 1895, although in 1887-88, he served as Minister of Finance without relinquishing the High Commissionership.

In 1895, the government of Sir Mackenzie Bowell foundered over the Manitoba Schools Question; as a result, several leading members of the Conservative Party of Canada demanded the return of Tupper to serve as prime minister. Tupper accepted this invitation and returned to Canada, becoming prime minister in May 1896. An election was called, just before he was sworn in as prime minister, which his party subsequently lost to Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberals. Tupper served as Leader of the Opposition

from July 1896 until 1900, at which point he returned to London, where he lived until his death in 1915.

Sir Charles Tupper purchased the Ottawa House for his summer home in 1871. With the Society formed in 1981 it pressured the Nova Scotia government into purchasing the property and then proceeded to establish in it a community museum dedicated to preserving the artifacts and heritage of the Parrsborough Shore. The Parrsborough Shore refers to not just the town of Parrsboro but to the other communities up and down shore who have an equally rich historical heritage.

Up until 2011 the Society was organized and conducted its business much along the same lines as most other non profit groups. However the Board of the Parrsborough Shore Historical Society made changes to its structure and method of operation.

In a major change of operational status, departing from the traditional 'committee' structure of most non-profit groups, rather than referring decisions and actions to various Committees, this year six individuals were given responsibility for specific duties, and more importantly, the authori-

ty to make decisions on behalf of the Board. With this authority of course comes accountability and all are accountable to the Board, and through the Board to the Society.

It now houses a museum with over 450 artifacts.

In making the announcement Scott Armstrong, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment and Social Development and Member of Parliament (Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley) said, "As a Father of Confederation, Sir Charles Tupper has made an important contribution to this province and to Canada, and it is fitting that he be remembered through the transformation of his summer home."

Colin Curleigh, President, Parrsborough Shore Historical Society responded by saying, "Dedicated volunteers have been working diligently for the last four years on the restoration of the Ottawa House and the modernization of its associated By-the-Sea Museum. The generous grant from the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program has given us a great boost—we can now complete this worthy community project."

Tidal Power Research to Benefit from Joint Research

By Maurice Rees

Last year many Nova Scotians, including a number of business leaders, were concerned the high focus and significant investment by Nova Scotians, through increased electrical bills for the Maritime Link, would lead to a lessening of emphasis on the development of tidal power assets.

Nor was the feeling of skepticism more prominent than Bay of Fundy areas surrounding the FORCE demonstration and research project just outside Parrsboro. However things might be changing allowing those fears to subside.

On Tuesday, March 2nd a memorandum of understanding was signed between the province, the Offshore Energy Research Association of Nova Scotia and the United Kingdom's Technology Strategy Board to encourage joint research in order to improve the technology required to generate electricity using high tides like those in the Bay of Fundy. The memorandum was announced by Energy Minister Andrew Younger; Stephen Dempsey, executive director, Offshore Energy Research Association of Nova

Scotia and the British Deputy High Commissioner to Canada, Corin Robertson, on behalf of the Technology Strategy Board.

Offshore Energy Research Association of Nova Scotia and the Technology Strategy Board, each contributing \$250,000, will oversee the majority of the work associated with the memorandum. It outlines areas of collaboration including environmental sensing research and instrumentation technologies, to better understand high flow tidal resources and their environment located within the Bay of Fundy, and Orkney, Scotland.

Joint request for proposals will be issued for research projects in both Canada and the U.K. to explore these and other tidal-related topics.

The first request will be issued later this year and will focus on environmental sensing research to better understand and validate devices for tidal development and their impact on the environment.

Go to www.oera.ca and www.innovateuk.org for more information.

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