

# PARRSBORO Remembrance Day

Photos by Lawrence R. Nicoll



A large crowd was in attendance for the Ecumenical Worship at Parrsboro Legion Hall.



Cadets in Parrsboro were very noticeable on Remembrance Day. They also perform many community services.



Lines are formed for laying of individual wreaths at Parrsboro's cenotaph.



A large crowd under clear skies formed the parade from the Parrsboro Legion Hall to the Cenotaph.



Many youth participated in Parrsboro's parade to the cenotaph on November 11th.



Tour and Tea at Historic "Wright Place"

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By John McIntyre

"The Wright Place" at 134 King Street in Parrsboro will open its doors on Sunday, December 15th, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m., for tours and refreshments in support of the Parrsborough Shore Historical Society archives. The admission fee of \$8.00 per person will be used to help purchase archival supplies used in preserving the many documents and photographs in the Historical Society's collection at Ottawa House Museum.

Built in 1899, "The Wright Place" has undergone extensive restoration during the past four years. Outside, it has been returned to its original late Victorian colour scheme. Its

interior features finely crafted woodwork, "period" wallpaper and light fixtures, and many original details. It is furnished with antiques and art dating from the 1850s until the early years of the twentieth century. For Christmas, the house will be decorated with traditional ornaments and a tree complete with candles and antique toys. Visitors will tour the main rooms of the house and enjoy light refreshments and tea, coffee or hot cider served in the dining room. There will be music too, featuring reed organ and violin.

Owned originally by lumberman and entrepreneur Burpee Tucker, the house was purchased by Perley Wright, owner and proprietor of Wright's Pharmacy, in 1930 and has been known in Parrsboro as "The Wright Place" ever since. This unique event on December 15th will provide an opportunity to see inside one of Parrsboro's most unusual historic houses for a glimpse of Christmas past and an opportunity to support the Historical Society's archives at the same time.

## Private Alexander Macfarlane Seaman

The admitting to the bar of the Nova Scotia Barristers Society of eleven veteran in World War I has struck an emotional cord with many people including descendants of Private Alexander Macfarlane Seaman who was born in Minudie on February 8, 1888. Seaman was from a prominent Nova Scotia family. He attended Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick and Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Seaman received his LLB from Dalhousie in 1916 and was articling at MacLean, Burchell & Ralston (now Burchells LLP) when he enlisted.

Perhaps one of the most emotional descendants was Bill Seaman, he is the grandson of Alex's sister Mary V. (Seaman) Morris. (It is ironic, how things come full circle. Grandson, Bill Seaman, was a friend and customer of Maurice Rees, publisher, back in the 1986-1990 era, when Maurice was working for Farm Focus and Bill was busy selling agriculture implements).

Seaman enlisted with the 85th (Nova Scotia Highlanders) Battalion in October of 1915. He served in the 85th Battalion with one of the partners of the MacLean, Burchel & Ralston, Colonel Hon James Layton Ralston. Private Seaman was killed in action on August 9, 1918



Private A M Seaman



Bill Seaman, grandson of Alex's sister Mary V. (Seaman) Morris, signing the oath for Gt. Uncle Alex at the Courthouse in Halifax last Friday, Nov. 8, 2019. (As an aside note, Bill Seaman was a customer of publisher, Maurice Rees, in the 1986-1990 era, when he was selling agriculture implements). (Photo submitted)

while serving under Colonel Ralston. Seaman was 30 years old and is buried in France.



A.K. Seaman

## Mayor and 8 Councillors

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The six around current council table to expressed desire for eight councillors included: Warden Al Gillis; Deputy Warden Joe van Vulpen and Councillors Paul Porter, Marion Chase, Maryanne Jackson and Norman Rafuse. Councillor Barbara Palmer was the sole councillor suggesting nine districts.

Councillors Dan Rector, Ernie Gilbert, Don Fletcher and Doug Williams each stated preference for a council with ten districts.

On motion by Councillor Chase, seconded by Councillor Porter a motion

was approved to reduce to eight electoral districts in Cumberland County. Voting against the motion were five councillors including: Councillors Rector, Gilbert, Palmer, Fletcher and Williams.

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