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The
“PHOGHORN Newsletter”

Saint John, NB - CANADA

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Monthly Edition

Meeting Location -- The Best Value Inn—Main Street,

Saint John N.B.

As all members are aware by now, the October's meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 with the increase in number of cases in our area. This was done in abundance of caution.

We expect the November 17th meeting will take place and you will receive notification to that fact.

Our guest speaker will be DARRELL WILSON



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A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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President’s remarks

Hello fellow Probus members; I hope all are doing well as we enter the Winter season once again! We are intending to have our” live “November meeting - unless the Provincial requirements change again prior to the meeting date. Our Proto-call Committee will require a proof of VACINE for access plus masks -of course. Our scheduled speaker is Darrell Wilson .- so we expect a topical presentation for our current times. We will look forward to seeing you all at that time!

Don LeBlanc Club President

PROBUS CHRISTMAS MEETING AND LUNCH

At this time we can only surmise that the December Christmas meeting and lunch will go ahead. Of course we will have an indication on this weeks ahead of the actual event, we hope.

Tickets will be sold at the November meeting. In the event it is cancelled, monies will be refunded.

For those that wish to attend but were unable to purchase a ticket ahead of time, please let me know as I am required to present a number of attendees to the facility and can prepare the meals according.

You can drop me an email if tickets are required and payment can be arranged or paid at the meeting in December. tec1942@rogers.com.

Tom Craig—*PROBUS House Manager*



PROBUS LUNCHEON

December 15, 2021

Villa Madonna Retreat House

Rothsay, NB

Time: Meeting at 10:00 am-Lunch at 11:30am

Full Turkey Dinner & Dessert--Buffet style.

Tickets: \$25.00 ea.

Since there was no meeting in October of 2021, no pictures are available to show you in this edition newsletter. So, with that in mind, here are a few items I have been saving.



REPRINT

Tom Craig FRCNA

A while back I acquired this Silver Coin with the likeness of John McCrae, the author of the now famous poem "In Flanders Field" The obverse side shows his likeness, and the reverse has the inscription of his poem or the first verse. It also contains his signature.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to track down the producer of this coin. Specifications are as follows.
92.5 silver, wt. 25 grams & 39 mm diameter.

Previous written information about John McCrae:

"**In Flanders Fields**" is a war poem in the form of a rondeau, written during the First World War by Canadian physician **Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae**. He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier **Lieutenant Alexis Helmer**, who died in the **Second Battle of Ypres**. According to legend, fellow soldiers retrieved the poem after McCrae, initially dissatisfied with his work, discarded it. "**In Flanders Fields**" was first published on December 8 of that year in the London magazine **Punch**.

John McCrae was a poet and physician from **Guelph, Ontario**. He developed an interest in poetry at an early age and wrote throughout his life. His earliest works were published in the mid-1890s in Canadian magazines and newspapers.



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields



92.5 sterling silver, wt. 25 grams & 39 mm diameter.



INTERESTING ONE LINERS

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

Telling a person to calm down is about the same as baptizing a cat.

I thought the dryer made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator.

Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

I am a multitasker. I can listen, ignore, and forget all at the same time!

Went to an antique show and people were bidding on me.

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.

When you cannot find the sunshine ... be the sunshine.

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

My spouse says I have two faults. I do not listen and. something else.

Never laugh at your spouse's choices You are one of them.

I would grow my own food if only I could find bacon seeds.

Day 12 without chocolate...lost hearing in my left eye.

Some people you are glad to see coming; some people you are glad to see going.

NOT ALL THIEVES ARE STUPID

1. LONG - TERM PARKING

Some people left their car in the long-term parking at San Jose while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home in Pebble Beach and robbed it.

So, I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener.

This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

2. GPS:

Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans.

Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard.

When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and about everything worth anything had been stolen.

The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house.

They had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider if you have a GPS - do not put your home address in it.

Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

3. CELL PHONES:

I never thought of this! This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her cell phone after her handbag was stolen.

Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her husband, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, husband says, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago."

When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had used the stolen cell phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account

4. PURSE IN THE GROCERY CART SCAM:

A lady went grocery-shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf. Wait till you read the WHOLE story! Her wallet was

stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel.

After returning home, she received a phone call from the Mall Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Mall Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized.

The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Mall Security; they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarize it.

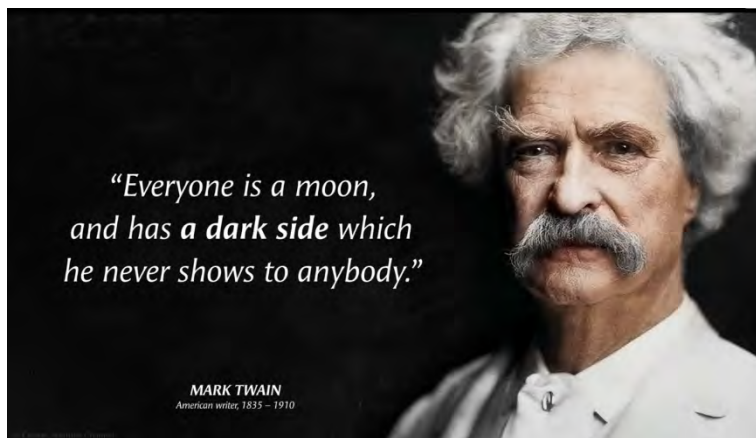


Our PROBUS member Gary, has these beautiful views near his home in Pocologan.

POCOLOGAN SCENE – Bay of Fundy



Quote by Mark Twain



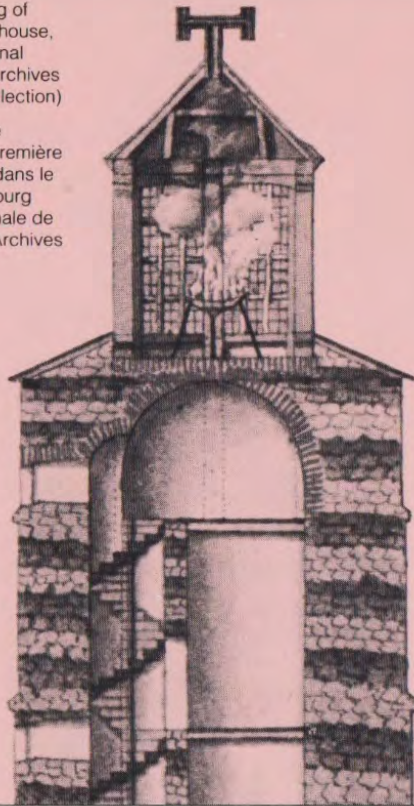
SOME LIGHTHOUSES ACROSS CANADA

Since our **PROBUS** Newsletter is called "***The PHOGHORN***" and a lighthouse is featured on the front of each issue, one can assume that we, **PROBUS** Saint John NB, are on or near the coast of the Atlantic ocean.

With that in mind, I came across a pamphlet with lighthouses from across Canada and thought this would be of interest to most members. Here are 5 of the lighthouses in question.

Historical drawing of Louisbourg Lighthouse, showing the original lantern. (Public Archives National Map Collection)

Dessin historique représentant la première lanterne utilisée dans le phare de Louisbourg (Collection nationale de cartes et plans, Archives publiques)



Louisbourg Lighthouse

This was the first lighthouse built on Canadian shores, and the second on the North American continent.

A circular stone tower of coursed rubble was begun in August 1731 and completed two years later to a height of about 70 feet (21.3 m), but delay in the delivery of the lantern glazing from France held up the exhibiting of the sperm-oil light for the first time until 1 April 1734. The light, for which a range of six leagues in clear weather was claimed, consisted of a circlet of oil-fed wicks set in a copper ring and mounted on cork floats.

Unfortunately, the original lantern contained combustible elements, which resulted in a fire on the night of 11-12 September 1736, destroying the lantern, which was then replaced by a six-sided fireproof lantern of stone and bronze. The height of the new lighthouse from base to vane was 68 feet (20.74 m), including the 23-foot (7.02 m) lantern completed in July 1738. In 1758 the addition of parabolic reflectors increased the range of the lamps.

After twenty years' service, however, the Louisbourg lighthouse was badly damaged by a British bombardment on the night of 9 June 1758, and was let fall to ruin. A successor was not built at Louisbourg until 1842.



Drawing of Louisbourg circa 1758, by Gerry Sevier, based on a print in the Public Archives National Map Collection.

Dessin de Louisbourg (vers 1758) exécuté par Gerry Sevier à partir d'une photographie faisant partie de la collection nationale de plans et cartes des Archives publiques.

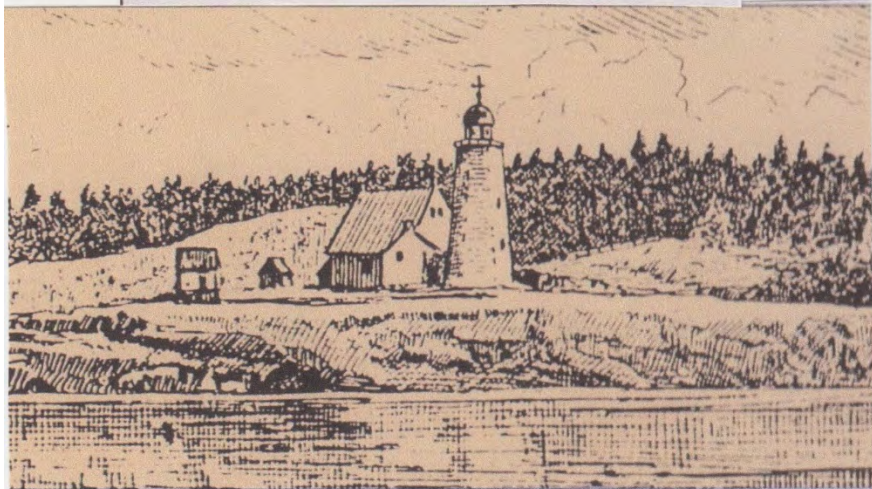
Île Verte Lighthouse

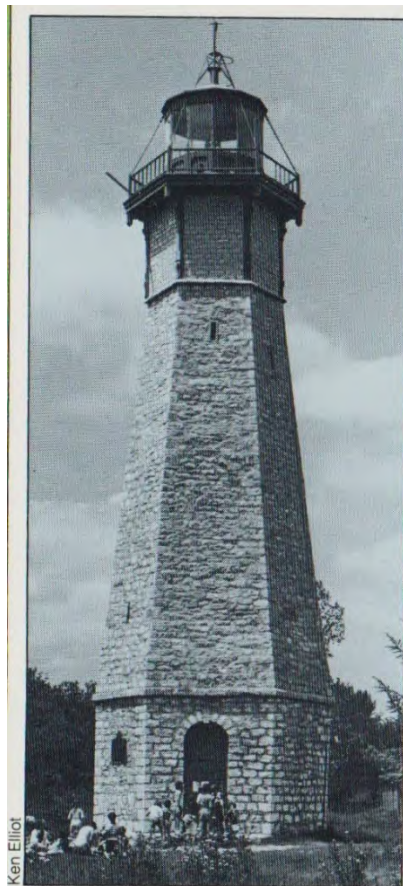
Built in 1809, Île Verte lighthouse is the third oldest extant lighthouse in Canada, and the first to be built on the shores of the St. Lawrence River.

As early as the 1780's, treacherous tides and currents at this point off the mouth of the Saguenay River indicated the need of a light, but it was not until 1806 that a contract was let for a circular stone tower on Île Verte. The London firm of George Robinson supplied the copper lantern. The light apparatus, comprising 13 oil lamps fitted with silver-plated parabolic reflectors, was designed and installed by Messrs. Brickwood and Daniel of London and first exhibited in 1809. At a subsequent date this catoptric light apparatus was replaced by dioptric, consisting of reflecting and refracting elements surrounding the light.

Île Verte lighthouse's configuration (round with a slight taper and with a slight overhang to the cornice or lantern platform) was similar to several other lighthouses subsequently built in the region at Pointe des Monts and on Anticosti Island.

Île Verte lighthouse is still in service and listed in the latest issue of *List of Lights, Buoys and Fog Signals*, published annually by the Department of Transport.





Ken Elliot

Gibraltar Point Lighthouse

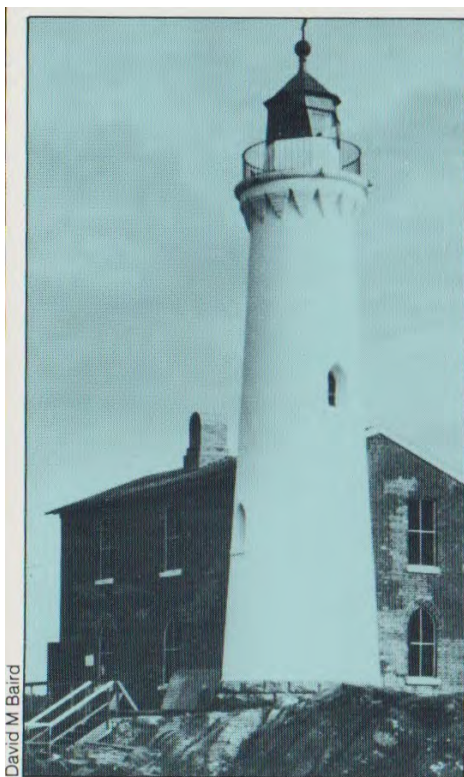
Gibraltar Point lighthouse, although the second to be built on the Great Lakes, is the oldest extant lighthouse in the region, and the second oldest in the whole of Canada.

Authorization by the legislature of Upper Canada for construction of the lighthouse, on what was then known as the York Peninsula and subsequently as Toronto Island, was dated 1 May 1808. The hexagonal tower was built of limestone to a height of 67 feet (20.43 m), with a 15-foot (4.57 m) extension added in 1832. The walls at the base are about 4 feet (1.22 m) thick. A spiral staircase inside the tower leads to the polygonal lantern. In 1832 the original fixed light was replaced by a revolving one activated by clockwork weights.

According to local lore, the first lightkeeper died under mysterious circumstances, and the subsequent discovery of a skeleton near the lighthouse gave rise to the belief that the structure was haunted.

The Gibraltar Point lighthouse was removed from service on 30 June 1907, but has been preserved as an historic site by the City of Toronto.

Gibraltar Point Lighthouse today.



David M Baird

Fisgard Island Lighthouse

Fisgard lighthouse was built simultaneously with that of Race Rocks in the Strait of Juan de Fuca in 1860. They were the first two lighthouses on the Pacific coast of British North America.

Both projects were jointly undertaken by the Imperial and Colonial Government (Vancouver Island), although construction of the towers was solely the responsibility of the colony.

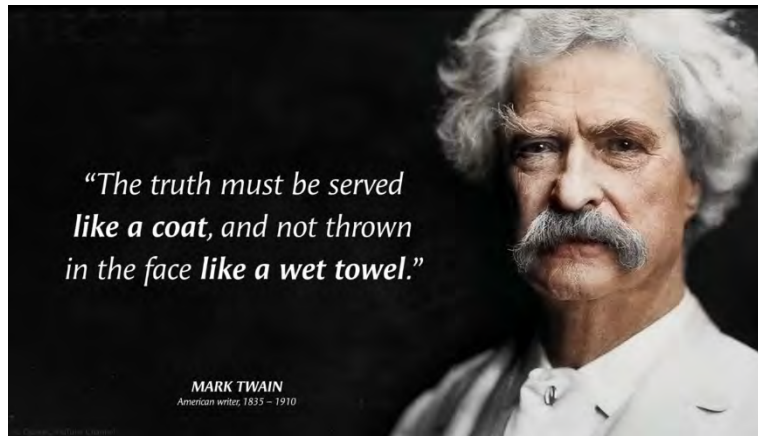
Fisgard Island, at the entrance to Esquimalt harbour, was selected as the site for this lighthouse in August 1859. The tower and attached dwelling were built of brick; the foundations of the lighthouse, of masonry; and the walls at the base were 4 feet (1.22 m) thick. The tower tapered from a base diameter of 13 feet (3.97 m) to 9 feet (2.75 m) at the top. Messrs. Wilkins of London supplied the octagonal iron lantern, and the well-known Birmingham firm of Chance Bros., the optical apparatus for the light. The two-storey attached dwelling communicated directly with the tower from the second storey.

Fisgard lighthouse is still in service, but is now maintained as an historic monument by Parks Canada.

Fisgard Lighthouse adjacent to Fort Rodd Hill on Vancouver Island.

Le phare de Fisgard situé à proximité du fort Rodd Hill, sur l'île de Vancouver.

Quote by Mark Twain



SAINT JOHN HARBOUR 1898



As our president of **PROBUS Canada** states "**Be a friend...Bring a friend**"

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