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On October 22, 2014 at the Fernwood Inn, Glenn Parfitt presented a most interesting lecture on the history of his family – five brothers who emigrated from England to Victoria in 1889. This family constructed more than 40 significant commercial/industrial/religious structures in Victoria and it was these that the lecture made its focus. We viewed snippets from old home movies, never before seen in public, and through family photographs were able to witness first-hand the building of structures such as Christ Church Cathedral, George Jay School and the Bay Street Armouries. Society members were admitted free while non-members paid a fee of \$25.00 that entitled them to a year's membership. We had one member renew a membership, one lapsed member rejoin and we gained ten new members. The setting was yet another Parfitt building and provided a congenial atmosphere not found in a bare bones meeting hall.



Building on the success of this event – and the fact that the brothers also built over 100 residences – we are planning a second presentation sometime in the spring. Watch our website and Facebook page for updates. Thanks to Glenn and his brothers for bringing history alive. 🏠



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The Hallmark Heritage Society was registered on April 18, 1973. We encourage the preservation of structural, natural, cultural, and horticultural heritage within the Capital Regional District. We accomplish these goals through education, public speaking, advocacy, tours, exhibitions, and the annual Awards Night. We are a non-profit society, financed principally by membership dues and members' contributions. 🏠

Notice of General Meeting

The December General Meeting will be held on December 8, 2014 at the James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street at 7:00 pm. Learn about Victoria's rich history through an examination of postcards. Bring seasonal treats to share. 🏠

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Deadline for articles and advertising for the Spring 2015 newsletter is February 15, 2015.

Preserve welcomes submissions, both written and photographic, on topics related to the preservation, conservation, and restoration of heritage from a local, provincial, national, or international perspective. The Editor reserves the right to edit material for consistency and length, and to reject articles.

Please submit manuscripts to the Editor, *Preserve*, 15-1594 Fairfield Road, PO Box 50013 Fairfield Plaza PO, Victoria, BC, V8S 1G0 or send to office@hallmarksociety.ca. 🏠

President's Report

by Ken Johnson

As the President of the Hallmark Heritage Society I am pleased to announce that the Society has entered into a long-term agreement with the Heritage Branch of the Provincial government to lease the historic Craigflower schoolhouse as an office and education centre.

This agreement is an opportunity for the Society to expand its role in heritage preservation while keeping a firm commitment to its past activities as recorders of our heritage assets and as advocates at all levels of government and within the general community. The agreement provides Hallmark with a greater office space, spaces for other volunteers to work and study, and the historic classroom of Craigflower schoolhouse – a typical one-room school.

Our date of occupation is March 1, 2015 and we have a lot of work to do in preparation of the move – packing up all of our files and boxes, moving our furniture and computers, and preparing the new offices for our use.

As previously reported, we intend to use the classroom space to provide educational opportunities to homeowners on how to best take care of heritage homes. These opportunities will be free or at a very, very low-cost and will cover many of the subjects that are of concern to heritage home owners. Seismic upgrades, painting, windows, electrical issues, asbestos removal, what kind of roof is best, what should I do about house insurance and anything else that the members may suggest and for which we can find a speaker.


The anticipated costs of occupation of the site

are very similar to what we are currently paying at Ross Bay Villa but we gain a lot of space and, more importantly, we gain a lot of opportunities to engage more fully with the heritage community in different ways.

As always, we are going to incur moving costs. We seldom fund raise, as we feel that your membership in our society is the most valuable donation we can receive but, in this instance, we request your help in raising funds to help pay for the moving. It doesn't have to be much; \$20 or \$50 will be a great help and we can provide a tax deduction receipt. So if you can please make a contribution by sending us a small check or if it is more convenient, we also have an easy donation application on our website hallmarksociety.ca. By clicking the "Donate Now" button you can easily make a donation using your credit card and receive a tax deduction receipt.

Another aspect of the new site will require folding chairs. We are trying to gather 40 or 50 metal folding chairs so that we can use those when we start giving our lectures. If you have one or two or more metal folding chairs around the house that you no longer use please contact us by telephone and leave a message or by email and will arrange to have them picked up.


Moving into the Craigflower schoolhouse is an exciting opportunity for the Hallmark Heritage Society. Working together, we can move the Society forward making it an influential voice in the community of heritage preservation.

Please give us your support. 

Donate online

The Hallmark Heritage Society has signed up with Canada Helps, a registered charity with a goal to making life simple. It is an online fund-raising solution that will allow us to accept donations over the internet without the added cost of maintaining credit card accounts. Donations are processed by Canada Helps and then the funds, minus a small administration charge, are electronically transferred directly to our bank account. Donors receive a tax receipt instantly

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As you know, we rely on the generosity of our members to keep our society alive. Now it is just a few clicks to donate – less work at both ends. Please consider making a donation today. 

Annual General Meeting Report

The Annual General Meeting of the Hallmark Heritage Society was held on September 15, 2014 at the James Bay New Horizons Centre at 235 Menzies Street.

Director Russ Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. There were 35 members and guest in attendance.

The Agenda was approved: Barbara Watkins and Glenn Parfitt.

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were approved. Michael Halleran and Anne-Lee Switzer.

Glenn Parfitt outlined a special event that will take place on October 22, 2014. He and his brothers will present the story of their family that arrived in Victoria in 1889. Old family film has been digitized and will be seen in public for the first time. The location for the event is the Fernwood Inn and the doors will open at 8:00 pm. This is a membership drive for Hallmark so paid-up members are admitted for free while non-members will pay \$25 – and will get a one-year membership.

President Ken Johnson reported on what we are doing in the community. We attend 10-11 events each year and they are very successful as we meet people face-to-face. The student heritage fair at the Royal BC Museum brings heritage to kids and we learn from them. We have scanned over 10,000 slides and photographs from the City of Victoria and will add them to our website. Each year we present award to deserving citizens while municipalities present their designation plaques. 520 Niagara Street is still under a demolition threat. We do hope it will be saved. The St. Louis College Building is almost certain to be demolished. There will be a new development in the 1500-block of Douglas Street by the Jawl family. The existing stone and marble will be integrated into the new design. Mount St. Angela is still under threat but there is no further information available. The south block of the Legislative precinct is being redeveloped. Three houses will be relocated from Superior Street to Michigan and two will be relocated elsewhere in James Bay.

We are looking forward to February 2015 when

the theme for Heritage Week is “Main Street.” We have a historic main street in Government Street and might be able to do something with the City and the DVBA. We are still working on the Craigflower Schoolhouse and hope that a move there will move us into the realm of heritage education.

Financial Report: Treasurer John Edwards presented the financial statements to the end of June 30, 2014. Their acceptance was moved by Russ Fuller and seconded by Glenn Parfitt. Carried.

Election of officers: Nick Russell is stepping down as past president and Janet Stevens is leaving the position of Secretary. Both will be missed and were thanked for their immense contribution to the society.

Elected to two-year terms were:

Treasurer	John Edwards
Directors	John Dam
	Glenn Parfitt
	Patrick Skillings
	Russ Fuller

The position of Secretary is currently vacant.

With regard to members’ concern, Mary Doody-Jones made a motion to ask that these plans for St. Louis College site be changed to retain the building. The motion was seconded by John Edwards. After a short discussion, the motion was defeated.

Our guest speakers were Mike Sweet and Harry Newton who were responsible for the move of 1082 Richmond Road to 1016 Pemberton Road. It was most enlightening to hear about the behind the scenes actions necessary to undertake a project of this magnitude. After their presentation, they answered questions from the audience.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be on December 8, 2014. 

Daily Colonist, December 12, 1948

Oldest School in West Stands at City's Edge

By HB Steven.

Approaching Craigflower Bridge from Victoria a traveler may see an insignificant and uncared-for sign carrying two words, "Historic Site."

If you were the traveler the only thing with insight would be an old house, probably painted or white-washed many years ago and carrying an old red roof. On the other side of the building's original plate, very dirty and unpolished, set on a cairn with the words; "Craigflower School House, established by the Crown Colony of Vancouver Island, March 1855. "The oldest, school still standing in Western Canada." The British Columbia Government Travel Bureau erected the cairn in 1940.

A knock on the door of the house which holds a museum, will bring Mrs. B. Claire, who, with her family has been in charge of this museum for 37 years.

To this beauty spot on Portage Inlet in 1853 named Kenneth McKenzie from Scotland. He came as bailiff for the Puget Sound Agricultural Association a subsidiary of the old Hudson's Bay Company, and brought with him 25 sturdy families from Scotland to settle on the land.

Build School

The school building was not erected until 1855. It had a sitting room for the teacher on the ground floor immediately opposite the school room, and four other rooms above which served as general living quarters for the teacher's family.

Charles Clarke, the first teacher, was there from 1855 to 1859. He was succeeded by Henry Claypole, from 1859 to 1865. No record is available showing how many children went through the school beyond a statement that it "opened with eight boys and six girls." Two combination desks with curved seats, and the original blackboard, are all that remain of the furniture.

Pupils who later became prominent include Robert J Porter, Mayor of Victoria from 1922 1921; JS Yates, former city lawyer, now living in retirement at Langford and Alex Semple at Victoria West.



Trip in Canoe

His Excellency, the Governor General, Lord Willington once made the journey from Victoria to the school by Indian canoe. The Indians made him an Indian Chief in 1927. The visitors book also shows that Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of the former Gov.-general, and Simon Fraser Tolmie, were guests at the opening ceremonies of the museum.

The first glimpse into this museum reveals a dull room with one showcase filled with a heterogeneous mass of odds and ends. On the walls are hung such things as old and handmade garden tools, shopping bags and timeworn chess boards. No care has been taken to classify them.

Historical Bibles are mixed up with powder horns and a muzzle loading buffalo gun belonging to G Duntnall of Metchosin is placed with homemade fish spears and nails from England.

Handbag

Also still there is Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie's hand-bag, a handwoven shopping bag 1 foot and 10 inches long by 1 foot, 5 inches wide. Branding irons bearing the initial K. M and K McK.; old shoe lasts brought from Scotland and used by the shoemaker; ancient types of scythes ; bird rattles; milk churns; ram rods for muzzleloading guns and a mirror belonging to Mrs. McKenzie are also in the collection.

A gun use by "Porters and Hollers" for killing cattle in the slaughterhouse lies disconsolately on the old mantelpiece, nearly eaten away by rust.

A slate bearing the name A Winter is bordered by wood edging in which the owner, believed to


have been Ann Winter, had burnt holes with a hot spike. As as she was unable to afford a new red flannel for the edges like some of the other girls, she ripped red flannel from a petticoat and fixed the border around the slate.

Hearty Band

The men and women who made up the hearty band of settlers who built the school was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie with their children Agnes, Jesse, Dorothea are, Wilhelmina, Kenneth and William; Mr. and Mrs. R Anderson with John, Robert, and Eliza Norman; Mr. and Mrs. A Hume and Andrew; Mr. and Mrs. G Deans; Mr. and Mrs. D Lydgate with Maggie, Elizabeth and William; Mr. and Mrs. W. Veitch with Maggie, Christina and Elizabeth; Mr. and Mrs. John Russell; Mr. and Mrs. P. Bartleman; Mr. and Mrs. R Melrose; Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. J. Tait, Mr. and Mrs. J. White with George, James, Agnes and William; Mr. and Mrs. J. Downie with two boys and a girl; Mr. and Mrs. J. Montgomery and Bessie;

Robert Weir, widower, and his family of William John, Hugh, Adam, Isabella and Robenia; the Misses. Isabella Russell, Harriet White, Christina Bell, and also James Deans, John Instant, John Bell and Thomas Russell.

The total cost of clearing their land and erecting the schoolhouse amounted to \$4300 and the building is still standing after 92 years. A painter with some paint for the outside of the school, some energetic girls with imagination and good broom could convert the whole thing into a historic spot of remarkable interest.

The Native Sons, Post One, and Native Daughters, Post Three, of British Columbia were appointed trustees of museum in 1927 for a period of 20 years. The renewal of this trusteeship has been granted for another similar period. The board now consists of three Native Sons, three Native Daughters, one member of the Greater Victoria School Board and one member from the BC Historical Association. 

Daily Colonist, March 16, 1899

A Cosmopolitan City

An American Romancer Makes Victoria

The Scene of an Interesting Story

Fact and Fiction Skillfully Woven in an

Altogether Remarkable Letter

From the New Haven Register.

The following letter has been received from Mr. WW Stow, a former New Haven, now in Victoria, in Vancouver Island:

To the Editor of the Register, Sir,

Victoria City, the subject of this letter, is situated on the extreme southern point of Vancouver Island, which constitutes a part of the province of British Columbia. Vancouver Island was named after Capt. Vancouver, the explorer, who claimed to have first discovered the island. A few years later he was made its first governor. From Vancouver, south across Fuca and San Juan Straits into Puget Sound, 44 miles, you reach Port Townsend, Washington. Northeast, across Georgia Strait, 42 miles, you reach Vancouver City, the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Victoria can only be reached by water. One short line of railway penetrates the island northward from Victoria about 40 miles. Steamboat lines reaching Victoria are quite numerous, from the fact that Victoria is the

only government quarantine station on the Pacific for Canadian ports. Esquimalt Naval Station is also located here, which is the home of the English Pacific squadron in America. It possesses ample drydocks and repair shops. Lines of steamers run to Victoria from Vancouver, Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and San Francisco on the South; Sydney and Honolulu on the west Japan, China and Mediterranean ports, from the Orient, and from many ports of Alaska on the north. Aside from these, Victoria maintains a quite credible commercial fleet.

Her sealing interests are also important, inasmuch as the United States government paid an indemnity of nearly half \$1 million to Canadian sealers, and that means Victoria sealers. On November 15 last the sealers left Victoria to put out about 40 craft to take seals over the present winter, in defiance of American law, and will again demand indemnity in the spring, in accordance with British constitution of the treaty. Thus it will continue until Uncle Sam takes the bull by his horns, or the lion by his tail, and demands the rights secured by the Russian-Alaska Treaty. However, it is not likely that trifles of this magnitude will estrange the friendly relations existing between the English and American cousins, because it is not policy "don't cher know".

The population of Victoria is now estimated at 25,000 12,000 whites or English-speaking, 6000 Chinese, 1000 Japanese and 6000 Indians, half breeds, Portuguese, Finlanders, Esquimaux, Kanakas and Zulus, little men from Borneo, large men from Russia, pure white men from Siberia, and pure black men from the Nile, and apparently all other nationalities, tribes, tongues and dialects. Victoria is more essentially English than any other part of Canada. The English speaking population is mostly English, and they govern the city and province, although in a minority. The majority have but little voice or vote in public matters. Very few foreigners swear allegiance to the Crown. This rule applies largely throughout Canada, hence the limited number of voters as compared to population, being 1 to 11 eligible and only 1 to 15 who exercise the right. For some years no issue of importance has agitated the popular mind of Canada. I inquired of an Englishman in Victoria: "What is the difference between a Conservative and a Liberal? I cannot discover by the press where the lines are drawn." "No," said he, "there is only one issue now the hins and the houts. The hins are afraid that they will have to get hout, and the houts are afraid they won't get hin." Victoria had a boom from 1891 to 1894. She went up like a skyrocket and came down like a stick. She has not fully recovered from the shock, and as misfortune seldom comes singly, so it was with Victoria. A cruel storm, either by chance or design, dashed upon her shores a shipwreck of smallpox patients, whose deadly germs soon spread among the people, and the most singular thing about it was it took special pains to visit a better class, the refined, cultured and elite. The exodus was alarming, and as yet Victoria has not recovered her equilibrium. The surroundings of Victoria are really beautiful. The climate eight months of the year is charming. The remaining four months is almost constant rain, which makes it dismal. But the winters are very mild in temperature.

Flowers in the gardens and fields continue to bloom until Christmas. The grass is green all winter, which furnishes sufficient food for stock. Aside from milch cows, cattle and sheep are neither housed nor fed during the winter months and they do well. The scenery is grand and picturesque, although it is very deceptive. Directly east of Victoria, in Georgia Strait, are located hundreds of islands, mostly small, but quite elevated, say from 50 to 200 feet high. A sail among them is enchanting; some wooded, others bare, many prolific with

flowers, makes it, as the ladies say, "perfectly delightful." The only thing we regretted was that the camera fiend was not with us, on all sides of Vancouver Island are such beautiful views. Now for the more grand and deceptive, which must be borrowed from the state of Washington, yet viewed from Victoria. It is a most beautiful illustration of "distance lends enchantment to the view."

The Olympian range, which is from 50 to 100 miles from Victoria, as it extends southward is the most deceptive scenery imaginable. Many tourists devote hours gazing at the many snow-capped peaks with amazement when informed that the nearest point is fully 50 miles distant, and some of the more prominent elevations, seeming much nearer, are actually 70 miles away. They seem to rise out of the water, and on a clear day, looking across the Straits, seemingly no more than 10 miles across, but the water measurement being from 30 to 40 miles, and the mountains being from 20 to 40 miles from the coast, you can well imagine the description.

I have only written of the range. Now comes Mount Baker, beyond the range, in a more easterly direction. A noted landmark for mariners, fully 90 miles distant, always covered with snow. Turning toward the south, you behold Mount Olympus, 90 miles away towering over the range, over and beyond, standing clear and distinct, as if chiseled by human hand, and it is a fact that your imagination will lead you to believe you can actually perceive the chisel marks of the master sculptor, and again we look up and over and beyond, and we see still higher and higher, that grand and majestic column of iron and stone, Mount Rainier, 120 miles away. Taking the island groups in Georgia Strait as the foreground, the water of the Straits at the baseline, and the Olympian range as a perspective, and Mounts Baker, Olympus, and Rainier as a climax, or produces the most fascinating and picturesque landscape and scenery I have ever witnessed. The mountains of Mexico, the scenes in the upper Cascades, the Northern Rockies, Yosemite Valley and the St. Lawrence Basin do not compare with the beauty, grandeur and enchantment of this American scenery viewed from Victoria. It is surprising to me that artist, scenic or descriptive writers have admitted to picture with brush or pen the most beautiful scenery in North America.

Again to Victoria. Most of the buildings are built of "fir" wood. One particular characteristic of the wood is its extreme susceptibility to wet and

dry; as previously stated, four months of the year is constant rain. During the summer and fall the buildings get very dry, and with the crude manner of construction, one may look through the sides and out the roofs of most of the buildings, under and over the doors and windows, in fact, pores are all open. When the rain begins to fall most of the buildings leak. It takes about a week of good hard rain to swell the cracks, and then they are good for another year. It reminded me of grandma's washtub. It had to be swelled up with water before using. Wood is used almost exclusively for fuel, although they mine a poor quality of coal on the island. If you wish of cord of wood you order it cut, split and carried in. First a cord of firewood would be dumped in front of your premises, dwelling house, store, hotel or bank. Second, a huge two-horse portable sawmill with two men comes and the wood is sawn in stove lengths. The noise is something terrific, equal to a fire propeller. Third, four Chinamen arrive, who split and carry in the wood up to, three or four flights. "All samee four dollar." In New Haven the labour would cost from five dollars to seven dollars unless performed by the Charities.

The demand for ice here is quite limited, owing to the exorbitant price, from one dollar to two dollars per hundred, according to the season. Then, owing to the dry, clarified air, it is not absolutely necessary to use ice. Hotels and cafés use a little in cocktails and for ice cream. Markets do not require it, as a side of beef or veal will hang exposed for a week without taint. They deliver ice in a Concord buggy. A man, horse and buggy, cake of ice and ice saw completes the outfit. The usual purchase is a 6 inch cube. One ice firm supplies the city. Last summer ice sold for one dollar per hundred. The newsboys here are phenomenal. They are civil, courteous and secluded. During my visit of several weeks I did not hear one shout or even run. If you desire a paper you look for the boy. The thing is reversed from what it is at home. Newsboys never disturb the slumber of the citizens. One experience will illustrate. Wanting a newspaper, after searching for 10 minutes on the principal streets, I found a newsboy in a secluded alcove. I beckoned. He did not move. I approached him, saying "Have you a paper?" With his hat off, he replied: "yes, sir; but it's the morning paper." "Where can I get an evening edition?" "Sir, I will go down to the printer and get you one." "Alright, my boy, I will wait in the hotel." And the way he went.

After waiting 20 minutes and getting impatient, I went out and spied the boy leaning against the post. The lad came forward, saying, "I'm not allowed in the hotel, so I waited for you." Paying for the paper and thanking the bright little fellow for his kindness, I wondered if that lad would ever become a Dan Manning or a Tom Waller.

The letter carrier's life in Victoria is a most fatiguing one; not from the amount of labour he performs, but from the amount of skill, ingenuity and tact is obliged to employ in killing time on his route, so as to reach the office at the designated time and make his report and otherwise keep the Inspector convinced of the enormous amount of labour on his special route, so as not to have the force reduced. One letter carrier confided to me, with a good deal of gusto, that he delivered daily about 80 letters, and 40 papers.

The Mayor designates stands for the hacks and express men, and where do you suppose it is? Right in the middle of the street. It reminds me of the middle of the street men at home. Imagine a street 35 feet wide, a car track on one side, a row of hacks and express men in the middle, private teams at the curb fronting their stores, and all sorts of vehicles trying to edged their way through. To make things still more complicated, all teams meeting must turn to the left. In passing a team you must turn to the right: and the law is very strict. A Yankee gets all mixed up. They are bound to do things just opposite to what the Americans do.

When they kill a fowl they ring its neck: we cut off the head. When they curry a horse (and they do it at rare intervals) they begin at the tail and work up: we begin at the head and work down. When they go fishing they use a bare hook: we consent to attach bait. They sneak upon the game and shoot them on the ground: we scare them up and shoot them on the wing, giving them a chance for life by flight. Hundreds of things they do and not do just contrary to American ideas and yet they are our cousins.

The streets are not paved, but owing to the nature of the soil, water soon disappears and the roads are fairly good. But the sidewalks are horrible, being all boardwalks (when they have any) with huge spikes protruding upward just high enough to catch your heel, or toe, and the broken or loosened boards causing a dangerous hole, teaches one to look before he leaps or you are in a pit more than knee-deep. It has been demonstrated that the

city financially is not able to pay damages to those who cannot see a hole by daylight, and advise the use of a lantern by night, which injunction is largely followed. Much capital has been invested here from abroad that does not pay any interest at present, hence a general depreciation of values since the collapse of the boom. The city is noted for haunted houses. Many, many, good residences are unoccupied on account of the ghosts that perambulate nightly.

Such rent being free to any who have the courage to occupy them, occasionally a newcomer moves in, but only for a short period. I have been told of families who moved in at evening and moved out at daybreak. Several persons have been moving from time to time without reasonable excuse. These removals are charged to the ghosts. But there is a cause they claim which produces these results. For many years seafaring men visited the shores to bury their dead in preference to sea burial. Also the Indians consecrated the ground where the city now stands to the departed spirits, and many chiefs, medicine men and counsellors of the various tribes have warned the people of their spiritual visitors that come and will continue to come. I did not have the pleasure of seeing one single ghost, I invited all the conditions, circumstances and environments in which my mind would be congenial for their presence, yet they failed to pay me the honour of a call. I presume it is because the English in my blood is so nearly exhausted.

The naval station at Esquimalt, in the suburbs of the city, aids very materially in supporting Victoria. About 3000 men are stationed here, including marines, infantry, artillery and engineers, with a squadron of six warships, torpedo boats, ample docks and construction plant. These men spend most of their earnings in Victoria. They are fed, clothed and otherwise done for by the good people of Victoria. The government purchases all supplies here, which aids the large dealers very much. The red and blue jackets receive passes from sunset to sunrise, and of course they come to Victoria. The citizens are very patriotic and proud of their defenders. They are not denied any comforts of life that they can pay for. Often 200 or 300 of these uniformed men visit the city at night, which keeps the hotels, cafés, and saloons and other places of amusements quite lively. It necessitates the establishment of what they call "open doors"; hence Victoria is an excellent illustration of what might be termed "free and easy, happy-go-lucky"

welcoming all the year the round.

A public meeting was held a short time ago to boom the city, amend the charter and establish permanent improvements. The pros and cons were prolific, and there was apparently no end of discussion until the clock struck 12. Then the crowd called for an old pioneer nicknamed "Midnight". He came to the platform, tall, lank, lean, as grey as an owl, and eye like an eagle. He condemned the Mayor, alderman, police, fire and road departments. He denounced all officials, all law, municipal and provincial authority, stating that "50 years ago he aided in the establishment of a vigilance committee in Victoria and for 10 years a man could leave his wife alone in the cabin, go to work, hitch his horse to a tree, hang his coat on the fence and put his pocket book on a stump and all were safe. And we had bad men than among us, but everybody knew that the penalty for taking any of those things meant death in 20 minutes after date.

"I have lived to see the Crown rule city. I have seen the province rule Victoria. I have seen a municipal government established (I am sorry to say). I have seen courts established, councils organized, sheriffs and mayors elected and appointed. I have seen what you call civilized government. We have it now, but is your home, your horse and your pocketbook safe? No." And up went a thousand voices: "No!" "No!" "Hear!" "Hear" "Hurrah for Midnight!"

"If you catch a horse thief, or a murderer, which you seldom do, nine times out of 10, he lives to good old age and grows fat at public expense. No man's wife or home is safe now. The robbers and murderers overrun the country. It requires six learned judges to try the criminals of a 90,000 population, and they all go free, except now and then some poor fellow, without money or friends, in poor health, goes to gaol; but when you think of it, he had to steal to live. And this is civilized government. Now, there is no use of me talking; you won't agree with my notions. ("Hear, hear; go on go on") "I am against you tonight on general principles, for financial reasons, on moral grounds, and in the interest of justice. I am in favour of establishing the best system of government the world has ever known a vigilante committee of 25 God-fearing men." ("Hear, hear!")

W. W. STOW 

Award Nomination Form

Category of nomination (tick one)

- Award of Merit
- Communication Award
- Mark Madoff Award
- Michael Williams Award
- President's Award

Nominee:

Name: _____

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Project details (attach up to one page)

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Attach supporting documents including press clippings, letters of support, photographs, or electronic media to substantiate the nomination. Deadline is January 31, 2015. Late nominations may not be accepted.

Mail to:

Hallmark Heritage Society Awards Jury
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Nominate online at <http://hallmarksociety.ca/annual-events/awards/digital-nomination-form/>

Or send via email to: office@hallmarksociety.ca

Calendar

- December 8, 2014** December General Meeting, James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street, 7:00 pm. Speaker: Helen Edwards: "Learning Victoria's History Through Postcards."
- February 16-22, 2015** Heritage Week. Theme is "Main Street." Watch for news of a meeting or special event.
- March 1, 2015** Hallmark Heritage Society takes possession of Craigflower Schoolhouse.
- April 18, 2015** 42nd birthday of the founding of the Hallmark Heritage Society.
- May 1, 2015** South Vancouver Island Regional Heritage Fair. Clifford Carl Hall, Royal BC Museum. 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
- May 5, 2015** Hallmark Heritage Society annual awards ceremony.

Ongoing events

Old Cemeteries Society: Sunday Cemetery History Tours: Start at 2:00 pm. Meet at 1:45 pm in front of Oregano's, Fairfield Plaza, 1544 Fairfield Rd. Others start where noted. Charge: \$5 for non-members; \$2 for members. No reservations needed. Tours are held regardless of weather. Contact www.oldcem.bc.ca or 250-598-8870.

Victoria Historical Society: Regular monthly meetings, except for June, July and August. For a description of speakers, visit <http://www.victoriahistoricalsociety.bc.ca/>

Friends of the BC Archives: Lectures series on items of historical interest. All events, unless otherwise specified, are held in the Newcombe Conference Hall in the Museum and are free for members of the Friends of the BC Archives. Non-member admission rates, payable at the door, are currently \$5.00 for a lecture, and \$10.00 for a workshop. Check http://www.bcarchives.bc.ca/BC_About_Archives/upcoming.aspx for details.

Awards Night – May 5, 2015

No, it's not too early to think about Awards Night! Look around your neighbourhood. Who has done a masterful job of restoration? Is there a person or group who has done a great job of heritage advocacy? What commercial work has attracted your attention? We rely on our members to be our "eyes and ears" in the community. **Remember, a person or project cannot win an award if there is no nomination.**

Nomination forms are available on our website along with sample nominations that have been successful. If you need assistance, please contact us well before the January 31, 2015 deadline and we can help you. There is also a form on page 10 of this newsletter.

This year, you can nominate online via our website by visiting <http://hallmarksociety.ca/annual-events/awards/digital-nomination-form/> 



Membership Application

- Student \$15.00
- Individual \$25.00
- Family \$35.00
- Group/corporate \$50.00
- Individual Life \$200.00
- Corporate Life (20 yrs) \$400.00

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All members are entitled to voting privileges at Annual and General Meetings, receive four Newsletters a year and access to the Society library and archives which contain information on over 10,000 buildings in the Capital Regional District. Memberships are due September 30th and are tax-deductible. The Society also offers special events and tours for members. New memberships are prorated quarterly. The Hallmark Heritage Society collects personal information about you only when you voluntarily provide it, and only for the purpose for which it was intended, and in handling such information we comply with the provisions of the British Columbia *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. We do not sell, rent or trade our membership/donor information to or with others. The Society makes all reasonable efforts to ensure that personal information collected from you is protected against loss and unauthorized access. If you wish to change information on file, please contact us.

In the interest of timely communication, we may occasionally send you electronic messages regarding current issues or reminders of meetings. If you do not wish to receive such messages, please let us know and we will remove your name from our email list. We would appreciate being advised of changes to your address, telephone number, email address, etc. so that we can continue to serve you efficiently. 📧

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Bring seasonal treats to share*