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Trust to Hold Auction in Support of Tattoo

Circle this date on your calendar: Thursday, June 16.

That's when the Newfoundland Historic Trust will be holding a gala auction in support of the Signal Hill Tattoo. The auction is also your chance to get a head start on the St. John's Day Celebrations which continue until June 26.

Auction committee chairman Ted Rowe says the event promises to be lots of fun. He says there are over 70 unusual and exciting items to be auctioned off, including the following:

- A dream of a lifetime for you or a very special friend: A lady's shopping spree, including gift certificates from 10 clothing and shoe stores, a facial and make-up lesson, a hairdo, and lunch for two!
- A pub crawl for four of downtown St. John's that's bound to be historic: Gift certificates for a beer or drink each at 11 establishments.
- A romantic rendezvous for two at the Beach Cottage in Holyrood: Includes full course dinner and room for the night.
- Dinner for two with "Our Brian" Peckford in the premier's private dining room at Confederation Building.
- One-day trip for two aboard a Canadian Coast Guard ice-breaker and that's just the tip of the iceberg! Item also includes Transport Canada helicopter from vessel to Gander, overnight stay at either the Albatross or Sinbad's Motel in Gander (breakfast included) and Atlantic Airways flight back to St. John's.
- Escape to Montreal via EPA. Two return tickets, plus two tickets at 25 to 40% off and three nights at the Holiday Inn in Montreal.
- Make your debut on CBC Television: An opportunity to interview St. John's Mayor John Murphy on CBC's Coffee Break show hosted by Shirley Newhook.
- Wine and dine your friends with dinner for four at Sidestreet. Complimentary house wine included.
- The Constabulary at your service! Four off-duty policemen to do odd jobs around your house for a day.
- Serenade a friend in style with a barbershop quartet (The Harbour Buoy).
- Get a *blast* from firing the Noon Day Gun!
- Liven up your backyard party with entertainment by the Crooked Stovepipe bluegrass band.

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The Museum Gift Shop

We are all impatiently waiting the opening of the Newfoundland Museum in the Murray Premises. The Museum Gift Shop is hoping to take part in this expansion too. We have planned a small sales area to display and sell items. We will feature products relating to the Maritime History of Newfoundland and "The Age of Shakespeare" exhibit to open this summer. There will be postcards of the HMS *Calypso* and Brigantine *Clio*, sailer's pipes, codjiggers, model boats, sou'westers, candy lifesavers . . . There will be balloons, books, puzzles, maps, prints, jewelry . . . Come help celebrate the opening and explore the new gift shop.

Martha Entwisle

Needed!

Volunteers for the Museum Gift Shop and for the gift shop at the Murray Premises.

Call: Martha Entwisle at 754-1742

June 24
 A Special Day For
 You and Your Family
 at the
 Official Opening of
Cape Spear
National Historic Park



A warm welcome awaits you at Cape Spear. Participate in the festivities from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bring your camera and a picnic to enjoy:

Outdoor Entertainment such as local fiddlers, dancers, musicians, choirs, bands, clowns, magicians, Raggedy Ann and Andy.

Balloons for the children.

Canteen Service.

Bus shuttle service will be available. Visitors are advised due to limited parking space, private vehicles will **not** be permitted on the road to the site or in the area. Buses will operate from 8:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. from specific locations in the city to be announced. Fare each way is \$1.00 for adults and \$0.50 for children and senior citizens.

In the event of heavy rain, entertainment will be cancelled but the OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY will go ahead at 11:00 a.m.

The Proposed St. John's Municipal Plan from a Resident's View

The proposed City Plan has now been discussed at six public briefing sessions at City Hall. During these sessions it has become quite clear that the adoption of this Plan would remove the stability and protection that the citizens of St. John's presently have with regard to the type of development that can occur in their neighbourhoods. Instead of strengthening regulations so as to ensure greater stability in the newer and older neighbourhoods of the City, the proposed new plan takes the opposite tack. It recommends that the present system of land use (i.e. zoning areas of the City for residential use, or for apartment buildings or for commercial use) be changed. In its place would be a system which would encourage commercial development and apartment buildings in *all* residential areas of the City. This redevelopment might occur by converting existing housing as has happened along LeMarchant Road, or by demolishing existing housing to accumulate the required land for larger developments.

The Plan lists the following among its main objectives:

- 1) higher density housing;
- 2) integrating places of living, working and shopping.

These objectives may work very well in areas of the city which are presently being developed. In these areas proper planning can take place and the apartments and commercial uses can be integrated with a minimum of disturbance. In existing neighbourhoods it is a different matter. It is totally unreasonable to assume that residents of St. John's would want to have their neighbourhoods redeveloped. On the contrary, residents of the City have shown time and time again that they do *not* want either apartment buildings or commercial businesses to establish in their neighbourhoods.

While the proposed changes would allow apartment buildings and commercial uses in all neighbourhoods, an even wider variety of commercial uses and larger apartment buildings would be allowed in older neighbourhoods (in most cases those are areas built up before the Second World War). However, at the public meetings, these older neighbourhoods which are called medium density districts in the Plan, have been

referred to by City staff as *unstable* and containing "ramshackled" housing. It was also mentioned that Council would require a greater degree of flexibility in the medium density districts. Therefore the uses which are allowed in the older neighbourhoods have been broadened to allow a wider variety of commercial uses, office buildings, and apartment buildings up to six stories. There is no doubt that such redevelopment would ultimately destroy neighbourhoods and lower the value of surrounding properties.

The Plan also designates a large number of roads in the City as arterial roads. Most of those designated are referred to as "functional arterial" which from the Plan appears to indicate that they would remain as two lane roads. Discussion at the briefing session indicated that City staff foresee that these roads would likely be widened to four lanes at some time in the future. As can be seen from the following list, the number of roads involved is quite substantial:

Empire Avenue right through the City; Portugal Cove Road South of New Cove Road; Rennie's Mill Road from Portugal Cove Road South; Prescott Street; Queens Road; LeMarchant Road; Cornwall Avenue; Hamilton Avenue from Water Street through to Topsail Road; Cashin Avenue, and Elizabeth Avenue.

To widen these roads to accommodate traffic would cause enormous damage to properties and would have a substantial negative impact on the remaining residents.

It would appear that it is time for the City staff to reconsider their views that the automobile has to be accommodated at all costs. Instead, the City should be viewed as being for people and alternative ways should be developed to facilitate the movement of people without destroying houses and neighbourhoods. This might be done in a variety of ways such as: restricting parking, improving transit systems, or encouraging staggered hours for businesses. There is no need in this day and age to continue to bulldoze neighbourhoods to accommodate traffic.

The City Plan, as proposed, promotes and encourages the construction of apart-

ment buildings and commercial development in residential neighbourhoods. It also recommends the widening of numerous roads throughout the City. These proposals will be detrimental to all residential areas and particularly to the older neighbourhoods.

Once the briefing sessions have been completed, and the necessary changes made, the Plan will be approved by Council and forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs. The Minister will appoint a Commissioner to hear representations or objections to the Plan at public hearings. The Commissioner will make a report to the Minister who will then approve the Plan subject to any necessary changes.

George Courage

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- Treat your friends to a professional wine tasting party for eight organized in your home by the Opimian Society. All wine provided.
- Propose to your true love with a billboard message.
- Tell the taxidermist to stuff it — one small bird or animal, that is!

The auction is scheduled to get underway at the Old Colony Club on Portugal Cove Road at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 each and include hors d'oeuvres. The tickets are available on a 'first-come, first-served' basis and can be obtained by calling the Trust Office at 753-9262. A complete list of items to be auctioned will be sent out with the tickets.

Professional auctioneer John Fitzpatrick will keep things rolling with assistance from Cannon George Earle, Kevin Noble, Andy Jones, John O'Mara, Gordon Inglis and Paul Raynes.

So, come on down to the auction on June 16. The Tattoo needs You for support!

Anne Cochrane

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National Historic Park Events

Plans for another busy summer are well underway with Historic Parks and Sites, from Red Bay, Labrador to Cape Spear, Newfoundland.

The underwater archaeological team of Parks Canada will be returning to Red Bay to continue investigation of the sixteenth century Basque whaling station. At L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Park, construction of the new visitors' centre continues with the building scheduled for opening next summer.

Three special ceremonies will take place in June and July: the official opening of Cape Spear, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada commemorations of Government House, St. John's and Sir Humphry Gilbert as of national historic significance. The Gilbert commemorations will be included as part of the Quadracennial Celebration while the Government House unveiling will be held on July 30th on the grounds of Government House. The Cape Spear ceremony will be the highlight of the year's activities: the day-long family oriented ceremony, concerts with well-known Newfoundland performers and special children's events. Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the convenience of the shuttle bus service to St. John's available throughout the day.

The Historic Park Guides service will

begin on Monday, June 13 at all five National Historic Park facilities. As in past years, these thirty individuals are available to provide historic and general information to the visiting public.

Mary Devine

New Superintendent At Castle Hill National Historic Park

Miss Edna Hall, Area Superintendent for Historic Parks and Sites Newfoundland, is pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Ellen Earles as Superintendent, Castle Hill National Historic Park located at Jerseyside, Placentia Bay. Miss Earles was born in St. John's and attended Holy Heart of Mary Regional High School. In 1978 she graduated from Memorial University with a B.A. in English. Miss Earles worked with Air Canada prior to joining Parks Canada in 1980. Since that time, she has served in various positions including Officer in Charge at Cape Spear National Historic Park and most recently, Assistant Area Interpretation Officer, Historic Parks & Sites, Newfoundland.

As Superintendent of Castle Hill National Historic Park, Miss Earles is responsible for the overall operation of the park as well as for maintaining 16 national historic sites in the area. Miss Earles resides in Dunville and assumed the duties of Superintendent at the end of April, 1983.

A Centenary of Two Books

In 1883, one hundred years ago, two books on Newfoundland were published. The author of *Newfoundland — The Oldest British Colony* was the Rev. M. Harvey. He was a profuse writer, a profound scholar and a dedicated Presbyterian minister. His book was acclaimed in the leading newspapers and periodicals of Britain, America and Canada in the most glowing terms. England's *Land and Water* said:

The story of Newfoundland constitutes one of the most interesting chapters in the history of the New World. It is told so attractively and completely that we doubt if it will ever require retelling. It may be supplemented, but not superseded.

Mr. Harvey was to write much more about us, e.g., articles on *Newfoundland* and *Labrador* in *Encyclopaedia Britannica*; *Text Book of Newfoundland History* in 1885 and *A Short History of Newfoundland: England's Oldest Colony* in 1890. Much has been written about Mr. Harvey and I never tire of his writings. His English is excellent.

The second book published in 1883 was by an Anglican priest, the Rev. William Pilot. He was Superintendent of Education and was concerned about our elementary schools; so in thirty-two pages he gives us his *Geography of Newfoundland*. In the preface he says:

This little volume has been prepared and published in the hope that it may prove helpful to teachers in making this study of the geography of Newfoundland more intelligent and interesting than it has hitherto been in our elementary schools.

It is truly amazing what can be squeezed in thirty-two small pages when facts alone are presented. At the beginning is a coloured map of the Island with its seventeen electoral districts and the railway running as far as Hall Bay in Notre Dame Bay. In his half page of History, he refers to the eleventh century adventurous mariners from Iceland who reached Vinland which 'some modern geographers have concluded must be the island of Newfoundland.' Pilot says that these accounts are more generally believed to be fabulous and romantic. One can hardly blame him for concluding thus, for the sagas said that they reached a land abounding in grapes. He preferred to stick to John Cabot and 1497 and Sir Humphrey Gilbert and 1583 as our true historical beginning. In the next four pages, he tells us where Newfoundland is, what its shape is and what its boundaries are. And then, real geography — a list of all the islands, mountains and hills, peaks, capes, coast waters, isthmuses, rivers, lakes (no ponds), climate, productions, minerals and vegetation. I have deliberately omitted one, namely submarine banks. It might help our case in the courts if the Supreme Court of Canada could read what he wrote:

The banks of Newfoundland are large submarine plateaux, lying to the east and south-east of the island . . . More recent surveys make it probable that these plateaux, at a very remote period, formed a part of the island of Newfoundland, which has been rubbed away by continual glacial action until it has assumed the form of these submarine islands or plateaux.

When he finished with physical facts he proceeded to the longest section of the book — over eleven pages of political facts. Under that heading we get inhabitants, religion, education, industries, manufacturers, commerce, imports, exports, revenue, public debt, banks, internal communication, telegraph lines, government, justice, treaties and principal towns. Important places like Harbour Grace and Trinity and Twillingate and Placentia get four lines; lesser places like Carbonear and Fogo and Ferryland get three lines, other places get two, some one and no mention at all of Change Islands. That really hurt.

The population was around 185,000, of whom "about 200 are Mic Mac Indians who have migrated to the island from Nova Scotia, and who live chiefly by trapping."

He says under manufacturers:

"There are in St. John's foundries, tanneries, bakeries, shoe, tobacco, soap and candle, woolen and furniture factories, which afford employment to a large number of people."

That seems to be more than we have today.

You may be interested to know that Newfoundland's revenue was over one million dollars and that the public debt was \$1,350,508 or \$7.30 per head. But against that huge debt there was to the credit of the colony \$746,277, part of fishery award under the Treaty of Washington. Thus the debt was reduced to a mere nominal sum.

The book ends with a page on Labrador, four pages of historical facts from 1496—1882 and a list of governors from 1729—1882. Very interesting.

In 1906 Pilot issued a sixth edition. He wrote in the preface:

"Since the appearance of the first edition, the study of the geography of Newfoundland has been steadily increasing, etc."

In fact, the increase was so great that the sixth edition was twice as large as the first and had sixty-four pages. He had even heard of Change Islands and Herring Neck, saying "They are large and enterprising settlements."

What a nice place to stop and think!

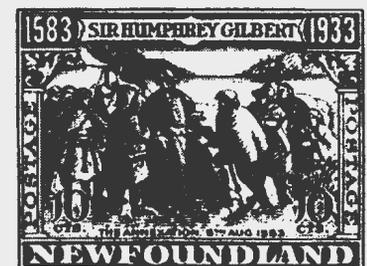
Canon George Earle



Gilbert Exhibition

1583-1983

August 5th, 1983





THE NEWFOUNDLAND MUSEUM



TREASURES: 800 YEARS OF THE EUROPEAN PRESENCE IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

From 1100 A.D. and the earliest Viking visits, to Sir Humphrey Gilbert's expedition in 1583, through to the twentieth Century, the history of Newfoundland and Labrador records strong ties with the powers of Europe. Through historic documents, drawings and artifacts, **Treasures** examines the legacy of 800 years of European contact. A joint production of the Newfoundland Museum, the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Art Gallery, Memorial University.

From June 24 to September 25



Summer 1983 marks the grand opening of the **Newfoundland Museum at the Murray Premises** and the first of its three exhibit galleries.

Special events and activities have been planned to celebrate the premiere of "**Business by Great Waters**", the new maritime history gallery. From the 16th century Basque whalers of Red Bay to the fish merchants of the early 20th century, the exhibition traces the development of the sea trades in Newfoundland and Labrador and highlights other related areas such as underwater archaeology, navigation, cartography and sea disasters.

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of Sir Humphrey Gilbert's Newfoundland expedition, the Museum also presents **The Age of Shakespeare**, a travelling exhibition depicting 16th century English life. This exhibit remains on view at the Museum at the Murray Premises until December 15.

The Old Home Renovation Fair

Spring is the season when people set out with a fresh burst of energy to paint the back porch, clean out the garage, repair a broken chair, or even restore an old building to new life.

With this in mind, on Saturday April 16, "The Old Home Renovation Fair" was set up in the foyer of the Murray Premises. Taking part were professionals with expertise in various aspects of home renovation.

Ed Gouden, a furniture restorer of "This Old Home" brought some representative pieces of his work and was free to discuss refinishing techniques. Jo Heringa of the Provincial Department of Mines & Energy had an elaborate display of home insulation, energy efficiency, and alternate sources of energy. Numerous pamphlets were available on these topics.

Ruth Satterly of Simmons-Rowe Associates Limited had pertinent real estate information, for anyone interested in purchasing an older home. Tony Bantleman, Edward Meaney, and Fred Snow of "Matchless Paints, The Standard Manufacturing Co., Ltd." had colour samples of paint; every hue and shade under the rainbow. Aiden Duff, a contractor known for his work on heritage homes was also available for consultation. Connie Hayward of "Hayward Interiors" had an attractive display of her lines, including a sofa, wallpaper samples, curtains, an antique sewing machine . . . and who could resist the Butler's Table. "Living Rooms" on the second floor of the Murray Premises had a special display too. The "Newfoundland Historic Trust" had a table set up to sell its publications and attract new members. Also featured were mounted photographs of homes during the process of renovation by the "St. John's Heritage Foundation". Finally, "Heritage Canada" lent its support by sending two short films about the preservation and restoration of older buildings across the country.

Many thanks go to these people and organizations for their support and enthusiasm.



Hayward Interiors display at the Old Home Renovation Fair, Murray Premises, Saturday, April 16.

The fair attracted many strollers, "handy" men and women, and professional renovators.

None of this would have taken place if it wasn't for the help and organizing of George Courage, Pamela Murphy and Jean Ball. Plans are underway to make this an annual event — bigger and better next. Meanwhile, its back to the messy garage!

Martha Entwisle

**Sir Humphrey Gilbert
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