

The County's history through its buildings

by Joan MacInnes

This old house which was in its one hundred and sixth year was located at the end of Crescent Grove Road overlooking Baddeck Bay.

Sadly, it was torn down last month as asbestos was discovered in the walls during interior renovations. After weighing the options, the owner made the decision to remove the structure as the cost to remove this type of insulation can be quite prohibitive.

The original owners were Philip and Christie Matheson. From initial

construction in 1904 until 1973, it was in possession of the Matheson family. Since that time, it has been a seasonal dwelling for a long time summer resident to the Baddeck area.

Architecturally, the design of the house was a mini version of Second Empire as distinguished by the mansard style of the roof with the lower curved slope. It was one and a half storey with a central brick chimney. The exterior cladding was wooden



Former Matheson House - Crescent Grove, Baddeck Bay

shingles with both barge and corner boards. The windows were double hung and a combination of 2/2 and 1/1. The front façade was two bay and asymmetrical.

Although no longer standing, this house has been documented and recorded in the built heritage inventory of Victoria County.

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, November 17: Baddeck Academy (9:30-10:45 am), North River at Church (11:45 am-12:15 pm), Barrachois Bridge at the Church (1-1:30 pm).

Thursday, November 18: Indian Brook at Leather Works (10:30-11:15 am), Little River at the Wharf Road (11:30-noon), Gaelic Singers Hall (noon-12:30 pm), Wreck Cove General Store (1-2 pm).

Wednesday, November 24: Middle River at the churches, (9:45-10:15 am), Middle River School (10:30-11:45 am), Wagmatcook Preschool & Head Start (12:15-12:45 pm).

Thursday, November 25: Boularderie East at the Highway Garage (9:30-9:45 am), Boularderie School (10-11:30 am), Boularderie at Grant's Store (11:45-noon), Ross Ferry (1-1:30 pm), Kempt Head (2-2:30 pm).

Library Hours

Hours of operation for the Baddeck branch of the Cape Breton Regional Library, located at the Baddeck Fire Hall, are as follows:

Tuesday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

Wednesday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

Thursday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

Friday: 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

Hours of operation for the Victoria North Regional Library in North Ingonish are as follows:

Tuesday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

Wednesday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

Thursday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

Friday: 9 am - noon & 1 - 5 pm

Saturday: 10 am - noon, & 1 - 5 pm

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The Nine Bar Jig

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Carter Chiasson



I ran into guitarist **Carter Chiasson** last month during the Celtic Colours Festival. Carter is a producer/recording engineer and music educator hailing from Sydney River. He grew up surrounded by Scottish dance music; his grandfather, Wilfred Chiasson of East Margaree, was a long time member of the Cape Breton Fiddler's Association. *The Nine Bar Jig* was composed in the winter of 2009 in Wolfville, Nova Scotia where Carter is a student in the music education program at Acadia University.

In some Cape Breton circles, a tune with a nine bar part might be frowned upon as not suited to the tradition; however, amongst younger Quebecois and Acadian players, tunes with added beats or asymmetrical bar structures are often coveted and given the affectionate appellation *Crooked Tunes*.

Victoria County's Residential Curbside Organics Collection

Garbage Shipped to Guysborough

For the month of October, 2010, 276.74 Tonnes of garbage were shipped bringing the total to 13,752.53 Tonnes

Residents can now put organic material such as vegetable peelings, table scraps, meat, fish, poultry, dairy, bones and soiled paper in transparent green bags to be collected weekly along with recyclables and garbage. Special transparent green bags for compost are now available in grocery & hardware stores in Victoria County.

For more information on Recycling or Composting Programs, call Cape Breton's Recycling Hotline at 1-877-567-1337 or see "Recycling" in the Aliant Yellow Pages.

Organic Materials Collected

For the month of October, 2010, 11.41 Tonnes of organics were collected bringing the total to 814.20 Tonnes