

# The County's history through its buildings

by Joan MacInnes

The building depicted in the photograph is no longer extant. It had been located midway along Chebucto Street in the Village of Baddeck and was situated directly across the street from the former White Store.

It is believed to have been built in the mid - 1880's. According to A.F. Church's map of Victoria County, this building is shown on the inset map of Baddeck in 1886.

The history of the building was always of a commercial nature. Murdoch (Buckets) MacLeod purchased the property and building from a John MacLeod in 1901. Murdoch operated a store there for three years. In 1904, he sold the building to Daniel MacLeod and his brother William



Former MacLeod Store - Baddeck

business to the premises of the former MacLeod & Co. store. In 1960, the original structure was removed in order to make way for a new building. Over the years, many additions have occurred to the new structure and at present, the building on the site of the original MacLeod store houses three businesses which include a drug store along with hardware and clothing outlets.

Architecturally, the style of this building was classic Greek Revival. It was one and one half storey with a steeply pitched gable roof with return eaves. The front façade was three bay and symmetrical with an indented main doorway. The gable end of the building was pedimented with a cornice above the façade which had pilasters on both corners (the pilasters are indicative of the columns which identify the Greek Revival style of architecture).

## Bookmobile Schedule

**Wednesday, June 29:** North River at Church (11:45 am-12:15 pm), Barrachois Bridge at the Church (1-1:30 pm).

**Thursday, June 30:** 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, July 6:** Middle River School (10-10:30 am), Wagmatcook Preschool (11-11:30), Wagmatcook Cultural Centre (11:45-12:15).

**Thursday, July 7:** Boularderie East at the Highway Garage (10:15-10:30 am), Boularderie at Grant's Store (10:45-11 am), Ross Ferry (11:15-noon), Kempt Head (1-2 pm).

MacLeod. They commenced business under the name of MacLeod & Company. Apparently, in the beginning they had a difficult time, as they had to build up their trade in order to compete with the other long established merchants operating in the village. They persevered and were successful in their business endeavour which flourished for several decades.

In 1955, heirs of the MacLeod's sold the property to a local entrepreneur who relocated his drug store



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### The Dandy Drummer

Jennifer Bowman



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The Baddeck Gathering starts its ceilidh season Friday July 1 with virtuoso Cape Breton fiddler Dwayne Côté. Held at St. Michaels Parish Hall, the summer lineup features nightly fiddle and piano music by some of Cape Breton's finest musicians. Concerts start each evening at 7:30 PM. Tea is served at intermission. In addition to the instrumental music guests performers often sing, dance or tell a story.

Jennifer Bowman is one of the regular fiddlers. She will be playing at The Baddeck Gathering every Monday and Wednesday starting Monday July 4. Jenni's father, Gene Williams, is a full-time percussionist based in Texas. Having given her a solid foundation in rhythm and countless hours of listening ears and feedback as she developed both musically and as a person, she now wishes to honour him with her new composition, *The Dandy Drummer*.

- The Baddeck Gathering - Seven nights a week. 7:30 PM. St. Michaels Parish Hall, Baddeck (located in downtown Baddeck at the four corners)

## Theatre on the Hill presents: The Fiddlers on the Hill

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July 9 - Howie MacDonald & Brenda Stubbert (both play fiddle & piano)

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37890 Cabot Trail, St. John's Parish Hall, North Ingonish (beside The Seagull Restaurant)

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