

*The County's history***The bell from the Corvette Naval Ship, "Baddeck"**

Pictured at the presentation of the bell were: (in the judge's seat l-r) James MacKinnon, Inspector of Schools for Victoria County; unknown (possibly an aide to the Lieutenant Governor); Lieutenant Governor, Hon. J.A.D. McCurdy; Mrs. Margaret (Ball) McCurdy; and Diana Haddon, daughter of the McCurdy's. Accepting the bell from the Royal Canadian Navy, Charles W. K. McCurdy, Clerk/Treasurer of Victoria County, and two naval commanders from the corvette ships - names unknown.

by Joan MacInnes

During the latter part of August, 1947, the Federal Department of Naval Affairs sent a fleet of five ships to Baddeck for the purpose of presenting the Municipality with the bell from the corvette which had been named after the village of Baddeck. Following the end of World War II, the ships which comprised the corvette navy were de-commissioned from the navy.

The following is a quotation from Charles W.K. McCurdy's annual address to Council on 13th January, 1948: "This corvette named after our county town, was one of the first Canadian corvettes to go into the line of battle, and about the last to leave. I am told that she has more hours on duty to her credit than any other Canadian corvette. The presentation of the bell from the H.M.C.S. Baddeck was made here in the Council Chamber with the Lieutenant Governor of the Province on the platform with our local officials and the five commanders of the naval ships in port. The court room was packed while a guard of 100 naval marines stood at attention in the court yard along with hundreds of other people who were unable to get into the building. The bell is now in the county office."

Of interest to note, is that the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia at that
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FIDDLER'S CORNER *by Paul S. Cranford.*

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A Tribute to John Campbell Doug MacPhee, SOCAN

reel

composed June 21, 2009



New Waterford pianist **Doug MacPhee** played this tune last week at a house party held at the home of Lloyd and Winnie MacDonald in Ironville. Composed for a good friend, the late John Campbell of Glenora Falls, over the years Dougie and John performed hundreds of times together. As well, they recorded a number of albums. At Lloyd's party Dougie included *A Tribute to John Campbell* as part of a longer medley which contained three strathspeys and a number of reels including *Miss Fleming of Moness*, a classic four part Niel Gow strathspey he had heard years ago from fiddlers Mary Hughie MacDonald, Duncan MacQuarrie, Angus Chisholm and others. Composed in 2009, the above reel was included in *Bits and Pieces*, a collection of original music compiled by Glace Bay pianist **Pat Chafe**. Playable by fiddlers as above, Pat included Dougie's chord choices in her book.

Victoria County's Residential Curbside Organics Collection

Garbage Shipped to Guysborough

For the month of December, 2011, **189.07 Tonnes** of garbage were shipped bringing the total to **17,063.76 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 December, 2011, **8.10 Tonnes** of organics were collected bringing the total to **963.74 Tonnes**