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Mike Molloy New President

The Annual General Meeting having failed to select a new President, the executive Committee has co-opted Mike Molloy as President.

A Note from the Ex-President

Very few members heard what I had to say at the last AGM so I'll start my 'exit' report with some thoughts from that speech.

The Executive Committee of directors has asked ourselves year after year what is to be done to keep the Society going and even increase its membership. In general terms, the answer is one word: communication. Members new and old need to feel that there is a community of interested fellow-members pursuing objectives of common interest. One key element is the regular *Bulletin* and of course the Editor depends on contributions and feedback from members to keep it going. I think a second key element is the publication of papers reflecting research and, more important, personal involvement and recollection in important events and developments in the past few decades.

The web site has a role to play but its potential has not yet been realized. While the Pier 21 Society has been extremely helpful, we have moved our pages from their site to the National Capital Freenet where we have full control. This requires a contribution of about \$100 per year. If there is anyone who wishes to come forward to help me as webmaster, she or he would be very welcome. The new executive will, in any case, address the issue in order to make our web site more interesting and useful to visitors from around the world. Please note down our new URL—<cihs.ncf.ca> and visit it. Then give us feedback. The collection of boxes containing material put together by members a few years ago may be called our 'archives.'

Those boxes are now housed in storage facilities of Pier 21 in Halifax. This reflects their plans to transform over several years their exciting displays, which concentrate on Pier 21 as the actual gateway for so many arrivals, into a Museum of Canadian Immigration. They consider our archives a valuable addition to their resource centre and will engage history/sociology students each summer to expand the simple listing of our archives into a searchable inventory integrated with their library.

I hope that my few years with my hand on the CIHS tiller have helped avoid too much drift and decline in the Society. Handing it on to someone whose career in immigration started when mine was finishing encourages me to think that there will be new life in it, in the coming years.

David Bullock

Transfer of Society Archives

For many years the storage of the Society's archives has been a problem. For most of that time Al Troy kindly donated space in his basement. Recently we have had to rent commercial space.

The Pier 21 Society has now come to our rescue and agreed to store and catalogue the archives at their facility in Halifax. This facility is expected to be transformed into the Canadian Immigration Museum over the next several years. CIHS members will have priority access to the archives if needed.

Message from the new president

A couple of old friends invited me out for a pizza a month or two back and I came away having agreed to take over the reins of the CIHS. There really is no such thing as a free lunch.

I would like thank David Bullock for his efforts as president of our society for the past 4 and 1/2.years. I met David in Vienna in 1968 where I'd been sent for training as a new member of Manpower and Immigration's Foreign Branch. We were all there for the opening stages of the Czech refugee movement. My fellow rookie, Doug Dunnington, and I spent our days in a large closet signing visas and Forms 1000 from dawn to dusk. Dave took pity on us one day and offered to take us for a spin in the country in his BMW. We'd heard of such exotic vehicles in the Kootenays where I grew up but I'd never seen one let alone been in one. I drew the front passenger seat and was not too impressed with the car till we hit the Vienna city limits and David put the pedal to the metal. Wow!! So David, for the intro to fast cars and for your service to our society, warmest thanks.

We are going through another generational change in the immigration family as the men and women who joined in the late 60's and early 70's, the front wave of the baby boom, complete their careers and move into retirement. Like those before us, we have had a hand in shaping this Canada in a most direct and profound manner. We have another generation of memories and memoirs to harvest.

The history of immigration to Canada is receiving unprecedented attention these days. There are centres of immigrant and refugee studies in various universities and a growing number of courses at the postsecondary level. This summer marks the 25th anniversary of the big Indochinese Refugee Program of 1979-80 and we can expect to see a fair amount of media attention as a result.

While the scholars and the experts tend to focus on the evolving legal and policy impacts and the experiences of succeeding immigrant waves, our job in the CIHS is to capture the experiences of the men and women who make the policies and programs work. Over the next few years, in addition to regular bulletins, I would like to see us get into the pattern of publishing at least one additional work each year.

- We need to preserve more information on how the immigration program was delivered in the immediate post war era.
- We need to document the spread of immigration operations out of Europe and into the rest of the world in the 1960's and 70s. (G.S: this means you.)
- We need memoirs that tell the story of the refugee operations in Latin America, Africa and Asia and to tell the story of the extraordinary operations that came out of the breakup of Yugoslavia.

Over the years CIHS has tended to be successful in getting people who served abroad to record their experiences but we haven't been nearly as successful in tapping into the rich history of the department in Canada. I served with Ontario Region for a couple of years in the early 1990s and if my short stay in Toronto is any indication there is a lot to tell.

At this time, the Citizenship and Immigration Department, so painstakingly re-assembled in the early 1990s has been taken apart once more as the government tries to bring more coherence to its efforts to address current security and border control concerns. The enforcement and control functions have been hived off to the new Border Service while selection, admission, settlement and citizenship remain behind. We all have our views on this latest reorganization and will be starting a pool on how long this setup will last. Immigration seldom stays in the same configuration for more than a decade. I hope we will be able to publish a couple of "org." charts for our readers once the new arrangements settle down.

I look forward to working with the members of the CIHS over the next couple of years. I hope you'll start writing because I'll be calling.

Mike molloy

editor's note:

Mike Molloy joined the Immigration foreign service in 1968 and served in Tokyo, Beirut, Minneapolis, Geneva, Amman (twice), Damascus, and Nairobi. He participated in Canadian refugee resettlement operations in Vienna (1968 Czech refugee crisis) and Kampala (1972 Asian expulsion from Uganda). He was Director, Refugee Policy, 1976-78 and coordinated the resettlement of 60,000 Indochinese refugees in 1979-80. From 1989 to 1996 he held a series of Director General level assignments in the Immigration department including a two year stint as D.G. Citizenship and Immigration, Ontario Region. From 1996

to 2000 he was Canada's Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. His final assignment was with Foreign Affairs as Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process focussing on potential solutions to the Palestinian refugee problem. He retired in 2003.

Uganda Reunion and Recognition

On October 3rd, 2002, in the West Wing of the Parliament Buildings a reception took place to recall the exodus of Asians from Uganda and to recognize those involved from various government departments. Minister Sheila Copps, Senator Mobina Jaffar, Ugandan Asians now in Canada, MPs, Ambassadors, and senior officials made up an audience of more than 250. Both Michael Molloy and Roger St. Vincent addressed the gathering. Senator Jaffar in her speech announced that both Michael and Roger would receive the Queen's Jubilee Medal for the parts they had played in the exodus. Roger explained he was accepting not only for himself but on behalf of all the others on the Team whose dedication made it all possible. He mentioned staff from Immigration, External Affairs, DND, and Health and Welfare, as well as volunteers. Both Bud Clark and Maurice Mitchell were also mentioned.

Among CIHS members in attendance were Peter Current, Al Gunn, Joe Bissett, Al Lukie, and Wilf Greaves.

The Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction: Queen Mum Tributes

These are alleged true entries in the Queen Mother Book of condolences (I think an electronic version somewhere*). What's your favourite??

"I think that the Queen Mum and Princess Diana are our very own Twin Trade Towers. At last we can look the people of New York in the face".

(613) L.Ward, Mansfield.

"When Diana died I swore I would never smile again, but eventually I did. Now the Queen Mum has gone I cannot imagine that I will ever smile for the rest of my life, but I will probably break that one too".

(613) A.Christie,Hendon.

"She was one of the old school, all the remaining royals are shi*.

(613) J.Clement. Grantham.

"I thought she would never die, she has let us all down very badly"

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(613) D.Holmes, Somerset.

"She was a trooper and she never gave up. I remember one time she was visiting a school and I asked her if she would like to make a visit to the cloakroom before she left. 'No' she replied, 'I didn't give in to the Nazis and I won't give in to the bladder'. That's how she was, a fighter, who refused to be beaten by anything. She pissed herself later though, it was sickening".

(613) B. Forrester, North Yorkshire.

"She was a marvelous woman, and a wonderful lover".

(613) L. J.Worthington, Penrith

"I am absolutely devastated, at least we could have got the day off".

(613) S.Wilson, Bristol.

"Her death should act as a warning to others who think it is cool to experiment with drugs".

(613) E. Franks, Cheshire.

"Once again the Queen is not upset enough for my liking, the woman should have a bit more compassion, how would she feel if it was her mother?"

(613) W.Waugh, Richmond.

"I am sure the Queen Mum will not let this setback put an end to her public duties".

(613) N. Wallace, Swansea.

"I hold Princess Margaret in no small way responsible for this terrible event"

(613) E. Thompson, West Lothian.

"Bomb Iraq for us Tony, its the only thing that will make us feel better"

(613) P.McGregor, Southampton.

"We must do all we can, send blankets, food parcels, jumpers, anything to help these brave souls who are queuing up to walk past her coffin".

(613) R. Thompson, Bath.

"I have been unable to masturbate for five days, and will not do so again until her majesty is buried"

(613) E. Gorman, Derbyshire.

"Good God, who is next, Geri Halliwell?".

(613) R. Combes, Romford.

"No matter how she felt, no matter the situation, she always wore a smile. Just like a retard"

(613) G. Hollins, East Sussex.

"I remember she came to visit us in the East End one time. She was so kind, so generous and so sweet. She whispered softly in my ear, 'you know its not true' she said, 'you don't smell of shit'. She was a wondrous person".

(613) E.Collier, London.

"Whichever way you look at it, it just is not as exciting as Diana".

(613) G.Williams, West Midlands.

"She was one of us, and by that I don't mean she perpetrated insurance fraud or lied about expense claims. She was like us in a good way. God bless you ma'am".

(613) L. Weller, Harlow.

"If only I could get my hands on that fish bone right now, you heartless bastard!"

(613) J. Hedges, Cowdenbeath.

"She had such a difficult life, always battling against adversity and misfortune. Let us hope that if there is a next time round she is given a life of privilege and comfort"

(613) T.D.Wainwright, Hastings.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

The Society regularly receives requests for information on a variety of subjects. Some are very personal (e g "When will get my visa?") and need not concern us. However, some could be of interest to the membership. Perhaps more important, members of the Society might wish to contribute to the research from their own experience or material in their possession. Here are current requests.

IMMIGRATION FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Hello Members of CIHS,

I am currently conducting some initial research on South Africans who have immigrated to Canada. Part of that research concerns the immigration process and how that was experienced by South Africans. Your organization may, hopefully, be able to provide some information on South African immigrants, but also especially the immigration process aspect of my research.

I would be very grateful if you could please pass on the names, telephone numbers, and/or e-mail addresses of CIHS members with whom I could discuss the nature of my research, and possible participation, in more detail.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Sincerely,

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THE EXAMINATION OF IMMIGRANTS AT WOLFE'S COVE (QUEBEC CITY)

We are attempting to locate the following items:

- (613) articles, memorabilia, photos, etc. of the arrivals and departures at Wolfe's Cove Passenger Terminal, Quebec City: the immigration, customs, railway, social services, etc. activities for the ocean passenger liner traffic there during the post WW2 period from about 1946 to about 1960.
- (2) Similarly, for the arrival teams via Pointe-au-Père pilot station, for all staff who often waited nearby at Chez Lajoie or at Mme Pinault's/Mlle St Laurent ?, before boarding the CGS Citadelle.
- (3) also for the same period, I am attempting to locate some statistics of inbound/outbound 'people movements' – the DP's, immigrants, tourists, travellers, student tours for the summer seasons from about 1951 to about 1960, if such a statistical split is available. The country of origin of the DPs and immigrants passengers, would also be of interest if available.
- (4) There is another event of a commemorative nature that might have passed, almost unnoticed, unfortunately. That of the cessation of the North Atlantic passenger traffic into/out of the Wolfe's Cove Passenger Terminal at Quebec City – the last liner in/out and the closing ceremony, if there was one.
- (5) Does a member have knowledge of a commemorative plaque on RMS ASCANIA (Cunard Line) "unveiled by a member of the Royal Family, possibly HM, honouring this liner for its contribution to the Allied Cause during the 1939-1945 War, including the transport of the 1st Canadian Infantry Division to their landing in Sicily, July 1943." The unveiling may have occurred during the

summer-autumn shipping season of 1955 or 1956 ?.

From about 1953 to about 1957, the enquirer was the Canadian National Telegraphs representative who worked dockside for arrivals and departures, and on occasion, via the pilot boat at Father Point for the arrival of the older Cunard Liners.

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computer)

Obituary

We were saddened to hear that Hetty Mitchell, a life member of the Society, had passed away on 26 May 2004. Hetty was the widow of the late Maurice Mitchell, our first "second generation" visa officer in the post WWII group. It is no exaggeration to suggest that Hetty was the consummate "Foreign Service wife" even though her career began before the Immigration Service had a Foreign Service. She had her share of adventures, beginning with the escape from France just ahead of the Nazi advance on Paris, in WWII. She and Maurice often said they knew how it felt to be refugees on arrival in Canada.

The early days of the families of Immigration Visa Officers presented problems, but Hetty succeeded in raising a family of four children. The best description of her attitude (to use an old Air Force term) was "unflappable." Her calm optimism and determination, we understand, remained with her at all times. We will certainly miss her.

Nostalgia Trip

Bus Muise, one of our life members suggested we might publish the following schedule:

WINTER 1979 FOREIGN SERVICE
INVITATIONAL SQUASH HANDICAP
COMPETITION SCHEDULE

(An impressive title, to say the least)

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Some members have expressed interest in having a copy of the schedule reprinted in the Bulletin. The idea, probably, is that participants in this athletic endeavour, might wish to get in touch and compare notes over the years.

You may establish contact with Bud at:

464 Clarence Street

Ottawa, ON K1N 5S1

Tel: (613) 241-7002

A copy of the schedule appears on the following page.

Bud supplied colour photos of some of the group, but our best efforts to enlarge and publish the colour photos in black and white were not successful. The cost of publishing colour photos on one page would exceed the cost of printing the Bulletin ! We are open to suggestions.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is tentatively set for Wednesday, 20 Oct 04. The location and time has not been confirmed. However any member who will be in the Ottawa area on that date may obtain information on the meeting by communicating with the Secretary:

Al Gunn tel (613)741-6184

email – algunn@travel-net.com

We would be happy to welcome "out of town" members, as many as possible.

WINTER 19'79 FOREIGN SERVICE INVITATIONAL SQUASH HANDICAP COMPETITION SCHEDULE

		JAN 20	JAN 27-	FEB 3	FEB 10	FEB 17	FEB 24	MAR 3	MAR 10	MAR 17	MAR 24	MAR 31
DIVISION ONE BLUE:												
1 - Doug ALDWORTH	6-4ogi	2	31	4	21	6	8	7	16	5	3	
2. Rene BERSMA	2-9931	1	30	7	22	4	5	6	14	3	8	
3. Colleen LUKIE	820-9446	4	26	6	ig	8	7	5	13	2	1	
4. Bud MUISE	2-3869	3	32	1	24	2	6	8	10	7	5	
5. Charles ROGERS	2-4505	6	27	8	20	7	2	3	15	1	4	
6. Kon SIGURDSON	3-5911	5	29	3	18	1	4	2	9	8	7	
7 Cal STOTYN	6-2960	8	25	2	17	5	3	1	1@	4	6	
8 Leo VERBOVEN	3-4434	7	28	5	23	3	1	4	1,1	6	2	

DIVISION ONE RED:												
9. Barry BOKHAUT	2-3118	10	20	12	25	14	16	15	6	13	11	
10. Brian CASEY	6-4892	9	23	15	30	12	13	14	4	11	16	
11. Ken DONNELLY	6-3103	12	18	14	32	16	15	13	8	10	9	
12. Dave GORDIE	6-2277	11	21	9	26	10	14	16	7	15	13	
13. Paul GRAY	3-5911	14	22	16	27	15	10	11	3	9	12	
14. Kurt JENSEN	6-5456	13	19	11	31	9	12	10		16	15	
15. Don MCGILLIVRAY	2-9931	16	24	10	29	13	11	9	5	12	14	
16. Maree SIGURDSON	225-8287	15	17	13	28	11	9	12	1	14	10	

DIVISION TWO GREEN:												
17 Brian CALVERT	3837	18	16	20	7	22	24	23	32	21	19	
18. Pam BARTLE	2-1909	17	11	23	6	20	21	22	30	19	24	
19. Christian LABELLE	5-3281	20	14	22	3	24	23	21	28	18	17	
20 Lorraine LAFLAMME	6-7014	19	9	17	5	18	22	24	31	23	21	
21 Brian MCQUILLAN	6-4091	22	12	24	1	23	18	19	27	17	20	
22 Judy MELOCHE	5 7519	21	13	19	2	17	20	18	29	24	23	
23. John O'FARRELL	234-9059	24	10	18	8	21	19	17	26	20	22	
24. Denise TREMMAGLIA	2-8098	23	15	21	4	19	17	20	25	22	18	

DIVISION TWO ORANGE:												
25. Richard AUGER	2-3837	26	7	28	9	30	32	31	24	29	27	
26. Jacques BEAULIEU	2-7888	25	31	31	12	28	29	30	23	27	32	
7. Jolene BEAUPRE	2-3837	28	5	30	13	32	31	29	21	26	25	
28. Barbara BORYLO	746-5920	27	8	25.	16	26	30	32	19	31	29	
29. Jacques HAMEL	6-3103	30	6	32	15	31	26	27	22	25	28	
30. Peggy MCGILLIVRAY	728-0831	29	2	27	10	25	28	26	18	32	31	
31. Phyllis NEFF	6-3103	32	1	26	14	29	27	25	20	28	30	
32. Kathy OAKLEY	3-4434	31	4	29	11	27	25	28	17	30	26	

PLAY-OFFS: WEEK MARCH 24 APRIL 1:

- DIVISION ONE:**
- 1. BLUE
 - 4. RED >
 - 2. RED >
 - 3. BLUE
 - 1. RED
 - 4. BLUE >
 - 2. BLUE
 - 3. RED

- DIVISION TWO:**
- 1. GREEN
 - 4. ORANGE
 - 2. ORANGE
 - 3. GREEN
 - 1. ORANGE
 - 4. GREEN
 - 2. GREEN
 - 3. ORANGE