

The Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society meets monthly between September and May to hear and to discuss individual papers about personalities, places, and events integral to the history of Nova Scotia.

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Schedule of Meetings
Winter/Spring 2018

Since the establishment of the Society in 1878, 44 volumes of the Society's *Collections* have been published. In 1998, the Society began publication of the *Journal* of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, a successor to both the *Collections* and the *Nova Scotia Historical Review*. It is published annually, and Society members receive a copy as well as notification of the Society's lecture series and general meetings.

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Lectures are held at 7:30 pm. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Nova Scotia Archives, 6016 University Avenue (at the corner of Robie Street). Society lectures are open to the public and are completely free, except for the RNSHS's annual banquet lecture, which takes place on April 18 at the Dalhousie University Club, 1 Alumni Crescent. Please check our website, RNSHS.ca, which will have details on how to purchase tickets for this lecture, as well as biographical information on all presenters.

January 17, 2018
7:30 pm

***"Ordinary People; Extraordinary Times:
Minnie and Stewart Ross confront the
aftermath of the Halifax Explosion"***

David Sutherland

Retired Professor, Dalhousie University

Minnie and Stewart Ross were leading unremarkable lives when Halifax became embroiled in World War One. While Stewart enlisted, he never went overseas, instead serving on board the Niobe, flag-ship of Canada's east coast navy. That semi-derelict vessel remained in port, meaning that Stewart could go home every evening, while earning steady promotion in the ranks. Then came disaster. The December 1917 explosion levelled the Ross home, killing all four of their children, seriously injuring Minnie and leaving Stewart prone to the onset of tuberculosis. This presentation follows the family through 1918 as they, in association with the Halifax Relief Commission, sought to rebuild their lives in the face of multi-faceted adversity.

February 21, 2018
7:30 pm

***"The Third Jamaica Contingent and the
'Halifax Incident' of 1916"***

Hyacinth Simpson

Department of English, Ryerson University

This presentation will highlight the story of the Jamaica Regiment that took place in Halifax between March 1916 and February 1917. After being diverted to Halifax, some members of the Regiment were severely frostbitten in a snowstorm and required hospitalization. The paper considers their care which involved several groups - including key players within the Canadian Military Hospitals Commission, several prominent Haligonians, leaders of the local chapter of the Canadian Red Cross, and representatives of the Jamaican, Canadian, and British governments.

March 21, 2018
7:30 pm

"Leprosy in Cape Breton - 1852 - 1907"

Dr. Kenneth Murray

In the 1850's a very unusual disease appeared in two separate communities of Inverness County, Cape Breton. The disease spread slowly in localized areas causing significant disfigurement and death. Some speculated this was leprosy. Others disagreed. It wasn't until after 1880 that outside medical researchers visited to examine some of the victims. Was this leprosy? Was this another disease? Where did it come from? How did the community and government respond? Were the measures implemented by health authorities effective? This talk will examine these questions.

April 18, 2018
6:00 for 6:30 pm

"The Citadel on Stage"

Alex Boutilier

Annual Banquet
Dalhousie University Club

Alex Boutilier's 2015 book, *The Citadel on Stage*, is a lively and entertaining social history. While it is a biography of the people of Halifax during the colonial era, it is also the story of the British army and Royal navy in a garrison town, and a study of the relationship of politics, religion, economics, and culture, as well as social activities in pre-confederation Halifax. It also traces British military theatre, sports, and recreation in colonial Halifax.

May 16, 2018
7:30 pm

***"Medicine at the Fortress of Louisbourg:
Trauma, Disease, and Cultural Influences"***

Jeannette Verleun & Dr. Carly MacLellan

Dalhousie University

In early 1700s Europe, surgery and medicine were separate professions. Advances in combat medicine led to changes in civilian medicine as well as system practices. In Nova Scotia, French explorers had been in contact with the Mi'kmaq since the 1500s through at least the 18th century. Accounts show that the Mi'kmaq and French colonists relied on each other for aspects of health care. In 1713, the Fortress of Louisbourg was established and a formal health care system was developed at the fort. Using primary sources, published data from the Government in Canada, and historical journal articles, this paper will explore the structure of the medical system at Louisbourg between 1713 and 1758 in the context of cultural influences.