

Fall Newsletter, 2010 The Military History Society of Manitoba PO Box 131 Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2G1

Meeting

Military History Society of Manitoba Thursday October 28, 2010 2nd Floor Legion House Museum Norwood/St. Boniface Branch #43 R.C.L. 134 Marion Street, Winnipeg 1930 hrs

Agenda

Update of Society's Activities
Update of Member's Activities
Membership renewal for 2010 and 2011

Bring a friend—all are welcome

President's Message

Hello Members

The year 2010 has been for the Society has been a busy one in developing stronger ties with the Royal Canadian Legion. Recently the Legion House Museum has been asked to give a presentation to the Provincial Command Executive Council. They are a natural ally in supporting the goals of the Society. Like them we do not forget.

The Norwood/St. Boniface Branch #43 Royal Canadian Legion has been very supportive in our activities. Plans are being made to allow the Society's Library and Archives to be stored in the former Bar on the Second Floor. They will be considering to financially assist the Museum with an annual grant. This will be decided at the Branch's Annual General Meeting in November.

Fundraising for the Society has been a major pre-occupation of my activities. Last year we received reinstatement by Revenue Canada of our Charitable Tax. Please consider becoming a regular donor. Plans are in the works to do a spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser in the spring of 2011. Plan to attend and help—more details to follow. Check next newsletter

The Legion House Museum has been receiving donations on a regular basis. Some donations this past year include:

- RCAF Escape Maps and miniature compasses,
- Photographs 112/402 Squadron
- Afghanistan Uniform of an interpreter, artefacts including maps and documents and personal effects of a recent returned soldier in the Afghanistan War.
- WW1 Medals, documents 8th /144th Battalion Soldier

The Legion House Museum hosted on May 12, a temporary exhibit titled "**The Canadian Militia in the Northwest Rebellion" 125**th **Anniversary.** This event was well attended by media, government and special guests. Thanks go out to Ms Pam Darling and Jason Darling who catered this event.

The Friends of Camp Hughes Project continues to progress with Grant Tyler chairing this group. Several meetings were held in 2010 with Bruce Tascona and Grant Tyler in attendance.

Lecture Series--Plans are being made to have in 2011 a series of book lectures by authors. Alan Parkin will be directing this effort. It is hoped these lectures will occur on a regular basis starting in the New Year. Check for details

The Website—Gordon Crossley is to be congratulated in resurrecting the website. It is slow going right now but will eventually take off. If members wish to be published on the Society's site send an article in pdf format. The Website can become an opportunity to be published and a go to place for information.

2010 has been a good year and pieces seem to be coming together. Come out and share what you have been doing at the upcoming meeting.

Upcoming Event

McNally Robinson Booksellers

and

Penguin Group of Canada

present

Tim Cook

speaking & signing

The Madman and the Butcher





Thursday October 21, 7:30 pm Grant Park in the Travel Alcove

A double biography of **Sam Hughes** and **Arthur Currie**, *The Madman and the Butcher* is also the story of one of the most shocking and highly publicized libel trials in Canadian history. Sir Arthur Currie achieved international fame as Canadian Corps commander during the Great War, but was accused by Sir Sam Hughes as being a butcher, a callous murderer of his own men. This engaging narrative explores questions of Canada's role in the war, the need to place blame for the terrible blood loss, the nation's discomfort with heroes, and the very public war of reputations that raged on after the guns fell silent. **Tim Cook** is the Great War historian at the Canadian War Museum, as well as an adjunct professor at Carleton University. His books have won numerous awards, including the 2009 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction for *Shock Troops*. He lives in Ottawa with his family.

Mission Accomplished -- Member Murray Burt

"Winnipeg's Ladies From Hell" September 29, 2010 7:00 p.m.

(1900hrs) It is the centenary history of this city's storied highland infantry regiment book launch at the Minto Armouries. This book launch was part of the regiment's centenary celebrations. Books are on sale for \$40.

Legion House Museum Pictures Manitoba Day May 12, 2010.



Gord Crossley, Alan Parkin, Ms. Bonnie Korzeniowski MLA (Special Envoy For Military Matters) Bruce Tascona Grant Tyler



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