

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
ANNUAL MEETING 2017
SCHOOL DAYS MUSEUM**

- **The 2016 season was a successful one I believe . We continue to get better known in the Fredericton area and around the province but I continue to be surprised by the number of local people who do not know about us.**
- **The addition of the composite School display has been well accepted and a great addition to the museum.**
- **We are still looking forward to developing a new strategic plan for the museum with the Heritage Branch considering what is being considered by the city for this area of the city.**
- **Our financial situation over the last few years had become very tight. We were a bit concerned that we had little money coming in from October until April of the following year. There were still bills to pay and things to be done. Our cash flows became a major concern especially during the last few years. We have had to pay for two weeks of our federal student wages and all their benefits. A recent decision by the Executive of the NBSRT to increase our yearly grant to \$5,000.00 and changing the date of the first payment to the beginning of the year will help immensely.**
- **The NBSRT's support for our museum upgrade project (new rug, mannequins, air conditioner, display case and rollup retractable banner) will add a lot to our museum.**
- **We continue our efforts to find new members for the Board. Our future depends on finding new members. I say this every year but it bears repeating.**
- **We were fortunate again last summer to receive two great summer students; One each from the provincial and Federal governments. They were both excellent workers and great additions to the museum.**
- **Our attendance at the Anglophone West School District Heritage Fair continued along with attending the Devon Heritage Fair and the King's Landing Heritage weekend. All are good exposure for the museum.**
- **Our number of visitors was up in 2016 as well as donations.**
- **I would like to thank all of the board members for their hard work during the year. You are the reason the museum is as successful as it is.**

Harry Palmer, President SDM Board