

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
Fall 2020

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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THE ROYAL NOVA SCOTIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lectures are held at 7:00 pm. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Society lectures are open to the public and are completely free,
Please check our website, RNSHS.ca for details as well as biographical information on all presenters.

September 16, 2020
7:00 pm

***“The Shifting Axis ---and Nova Scotia’s
Place in Canadian Confederation, 1860s to
the Present ”***

Phyllis R Blakeley Memorial Lecture

Paul W. Bennett
Schoolhouse Institute

The romance of Nova Scotia being shaped by the sea tends to dissolve when we confront the historical realities of the ‘hard slog’ of navigating the ups and downs, twists and turns that come with being the easternmost appendage of the Dominion. Since the 1860s, that history has been played out along the shifting axis of Canadian east-west development -- and the Scottish Canadian tradition of ‘tartanism’ was supplanted by a more diverse, tolerant and accepting Maritime society and culture. This short lecture, based upon Turning Points (2019), will analyze the historiographical trends and seek to stimulate informed discussion.

October 21, 2020
7:00 pm

***“Emigration and the Failure of Canadian
Elites in the Nineteenth Century: Quebec and
Nova Scotia Compared ”***

Patrick Lacroix
Independent Scholar

The extent of emigration from Nova Scotia to the United States in the late nineteenth century is little-known and understudied. Canadian historians have been more attentive to the contemporary “demographic hemorrhage” that drained the Quebec countryside. Yet, proportionally, the United States exerted the same magnetic effect on predominantly English-speaking provinces as on Quebec. By comparing Quebec and Nova Scotia, Dr. Lacroix exposes outmigration as a nationwide problem whose local solutions were ultimately few, inconsistent, and ineffective.

November 18, 2020
7:00 pm

***“Somewhere in Flanders: A Nova Scotian at
the Front”***

Heather McBriarty

In 1914, James W. Johnstone, privileged son of a prominent Nova Scotia family, jumped to enlist in the fledgling Canadian Expeditionary Force. Over 17 months, from Valcartier to Belgium, he wrote nearly 70 letters to his sweetheart in Halifax. Her granddaughter is Heather McBriarty. In her lecture, McBriarty will share selections from the letters with context and comment.

December 9, 2020
7:00 pm

“Seven Flags over Shearwater”

Colonel (Ret’d) John L. Orr CD
Volunteer Researcher
Shearwater Aviation Museum

Shearwater, located on the eastern shore of Halifax harbour, has made a major, although largely unrecognized, contribution to aviation in Canada. Since its inception in 1918, the air station has served under a variety of commands and services – hence the ‘Seven Flags’ in the title.