Day 6 – Fort Louisbourg to Prince Edward Island – July 10th

We got up to a warm and sunny day. For breakfast Sheri had oatmeal and toast while I had a cheese omelet. A quick walk around the resort then we headed out.

Our first stop of the day was at St. Anns (Baile Anna) (Wikipedia) on the shore of St. Anns Bay on Cape Breton Island. St. Anns is home to the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts and Crafts, which is mandated to preserve the culture of the Scottish Highlanders. At the gift shop we were greeted with the Scottish Highland flavor of the bagpipes.

In the gift shop we were amazed at the number of tartans available for sale, except the Ramsay and Crawford. I argued with the sales girl that yes they were official Scottish tartans that she confirmed in her official Scottish tartan book. The mission of the Celtic College was: To promote, preserve and perpetuate through studies in all related areas: the culture, music, language, arts, crafts, customs and traditions of immigrants from the Highlands of Scotland. Sheri purchased a couple post cards and a Gaelic CD.

Baddeck to St Anns to Sydney to Louisburgh National Historic Site.

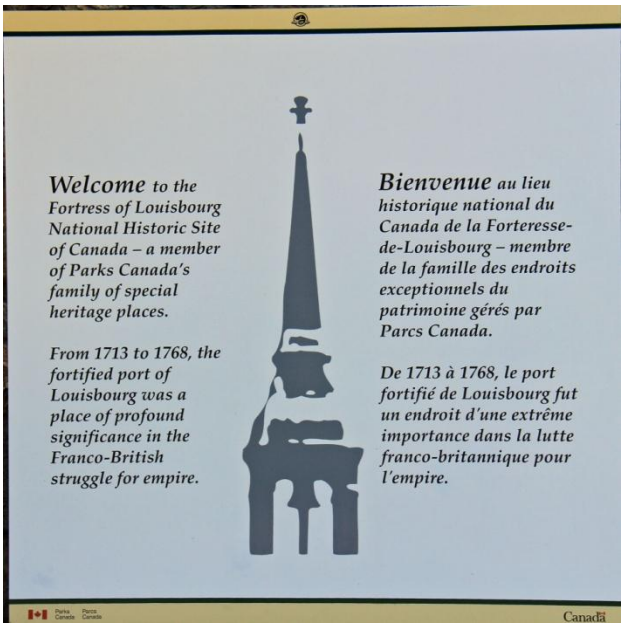
From St Anns Harbor we travelled towards Sydney. The other side of the Bras d'Or Lake was a winding route with rugged scenery and blue skies and sea.

We skirted Sydney on the route to Fort Louisbourg passing the Islands best chicken.

Sheri and I somehow wonder if the chicken was really that great as Bob bypassed Sydney and we never got to sample the chicken - Our next stop Fort Louisbourg.

Fort Louisbourg National Historic Site of Canada

Time rolls back to the day when Fort Louisbourg stood proud as a fortified community. The scale of the fort makes one pause with amazement at its grandeur. It's a full sized community with soldiers, sailors, merchants and families.



The fort was built by the country of France in the18th century. The citizens of the fort today wear period clothes and carry out period activities. The soldier, blacksmith or house servant is all able to reenact and discuss the daily activity of period life. French and Micmaq soldiers are present everywhere from sentry posts to court yards to bastion walls. We stepped back to the 18th Century to enjoy North Americas largest historical reconstruction.

From the Interpretive Center we were bussed to the Arrival/Departure near the Desroches House at the entrance gate of the fort.

Our Self Tour of Fort Louisbourg

Left to Right Musket Ports, Dauphine Gate, Guard, Cell, Bunk/Guard House

The People

Colonial Trooper

Blacksmith

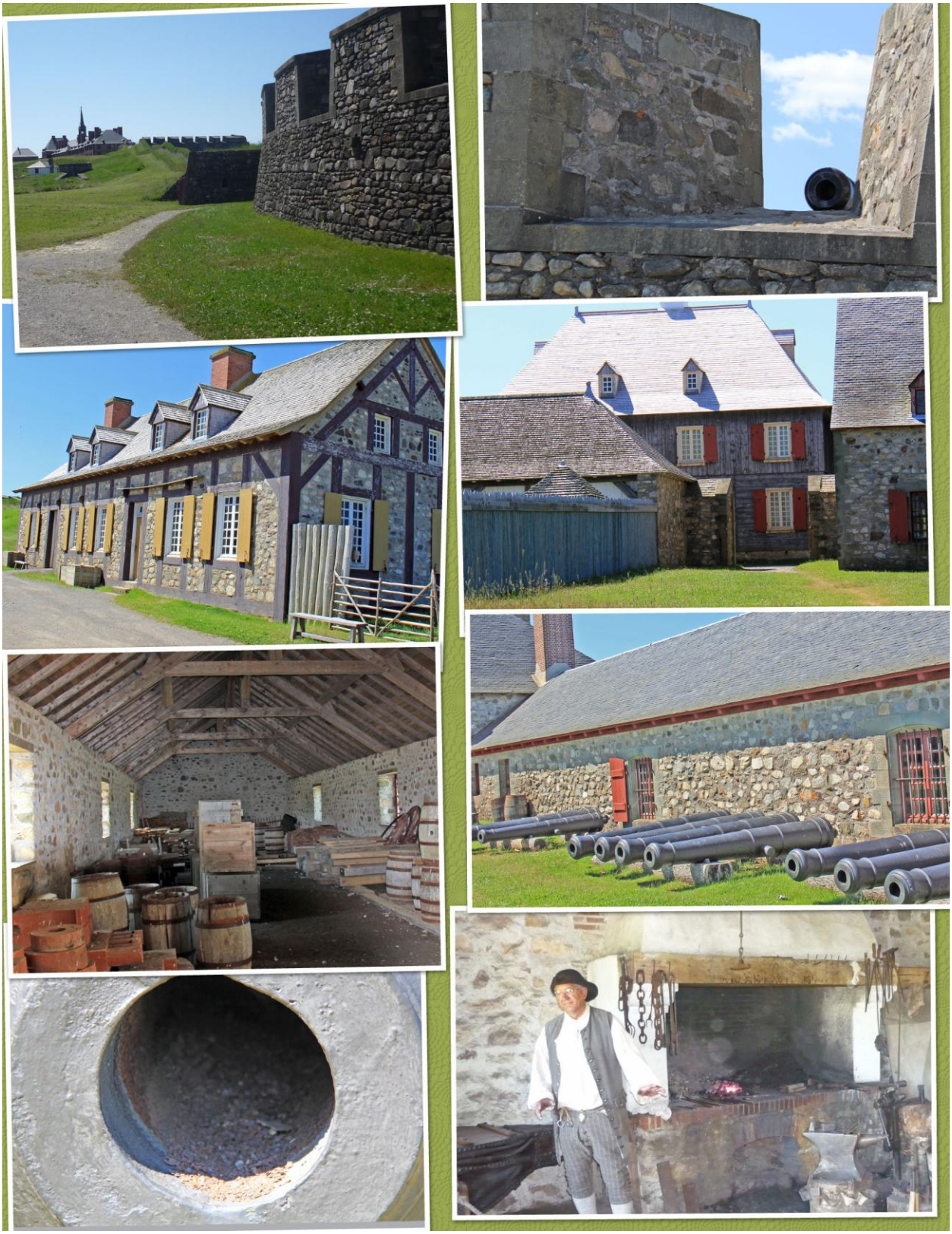
Compagnies franches

Laborers – Bread Making

Kings Baker

Swiss Soldier Regiment de Karrer

Maid Servant for Man of Property



Daupin Demi-Bastion, Lartigue House, Duhaget House, The Armoury

Bakery, Ice House, Engineers Residence, De la Valliere House, Poultry Pens

Captain, Servant lady, Public Garden, Mural, Bathroom, McLennan Center, Trooper

De Gannes House, Servant Lady, Kings Bastion Barracks

Military Chapel and Barracks Armory

Company Barracks

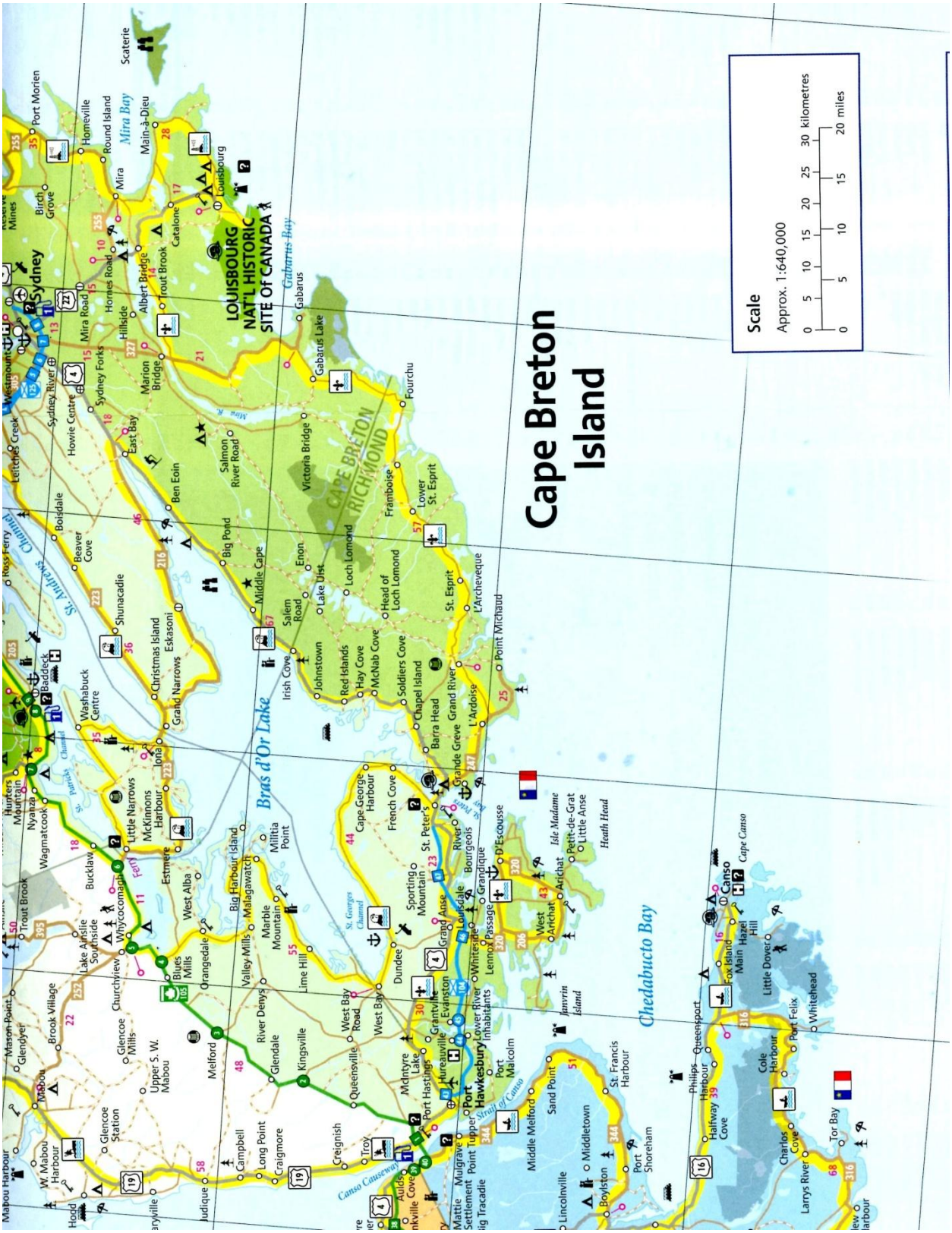
Noon Parade and Cannon Firing

Frederic gate, Water Well, Chevelier House, Grandchamp Houses, The Quay

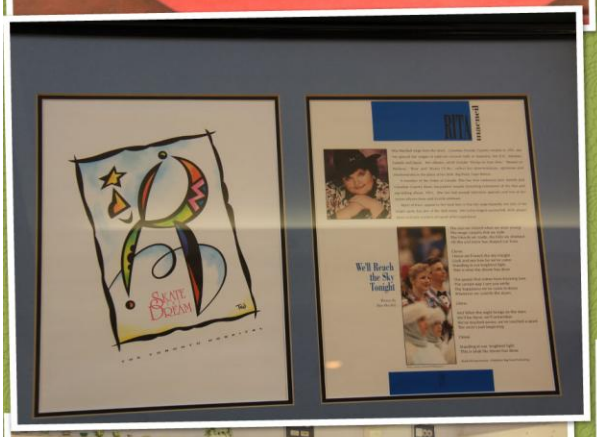
It was great to have spent part of a day at the fort. We discussed with Bob the significant importance of this kind of history and why it needs to be preserved. The fort is still under restoration from some of the original construction plans. Many of the artifacts that were on display were recovered on the site. We felt for the citizens in period dress as it was about 28 degrees and many of the people looked uncomfortable. I talked to a young lad in the barracks and he told me that he was one of the lucky ones because he got to work indoors where a cross breeze was blowing constantly. Something else we seen are that all the people we talked to were bilingual. At the noon day firing of the muskets the spectators were lined up along the barracks wall in the courtyard. A French Officer yells out to the musketeers – “It seems we’re going to have a busy day – Look at all the targets lined up on the wall”.

We drove back to Sydney then the Bras d’Or Lakes Scenic Drive to St Peters.

Fort Louisbourg to Port Hawkesbury on the Bras d’Or Lakes Drive



We are travelling down the Bras d'Or Trail when Bob pulled into a small lot had an open sign. At Big Pond we stopped at Rita McNeal's Tea Room



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The Tea House has a warm atmosphere and friendly staff. We were tempted but never purchased any of the homemade goodies or preserves. Sheri did purchase a box of Bras d'Or Tea for her mother who years earlier was unable to enjoy a cuppa due to the tea house being closed. The peaceful gardens with Rita's music everywhere added to the ambiance of the quaint location.

We opted not to have a cuppa tea and hit the trail. We wanted to stop at Antigonish and we had a ferry to meet for the crossing to Prince Edward Island. It was after lunch; we were hungry, a cup of coffee and bite to eat would put everything right.

Well that didn't happen, we opted not to stop until Antigonish Historical Society.

Sheri's 5th Great Grandfather Timothy Hierlihy was the founder of Antigonish. Part of our trip to the Maritimes was to explore family genealogy and area history. The first European settlement took place in 1784 when Colonel Timothy Hierlihy received a large land grant surrounding Antigonish harbor. Colonel Thomas Hierlihy and his party of disbanded soldiers and refugees from the American Revolution landed at Town Point, a peninsula jutting into Antigonish harbor. Among the original inhabitants of the newly-established community of Dorchester were 76 men, 12 women and 32 children and servants. Town Point is also the location of the Hierlihy Cemetery. At the Historical Society Sheri was able to meet with Jocelyn Gillis and view documents about Timothy Hierlihy (We had copies emailed to us). She gave us directions to the Town Point Cemetery on a hand drawn map.

We all loaded into that blue chevy van

Only 10 clicks out – as fast as we can.

On 337 look for Seabright Road

In the blue tin can carrying our load.

Screaming through the bush like a motor bike,

The blue chevy rig was twisting left and right.

We went too far and hit the Old Yacht Club,

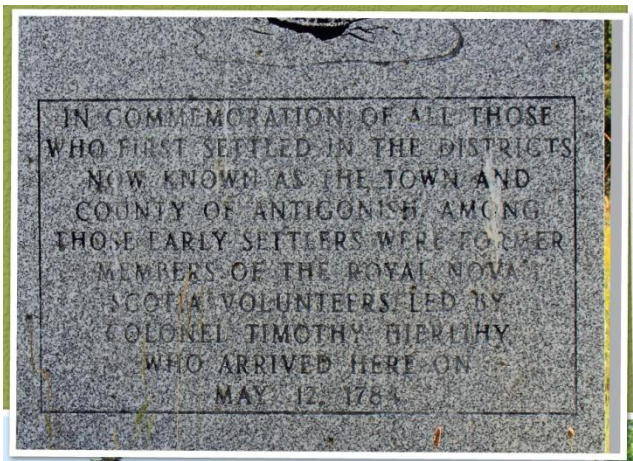
Took some photos as Bob turned around the blue tub

Went flying down the road in quite a hurry

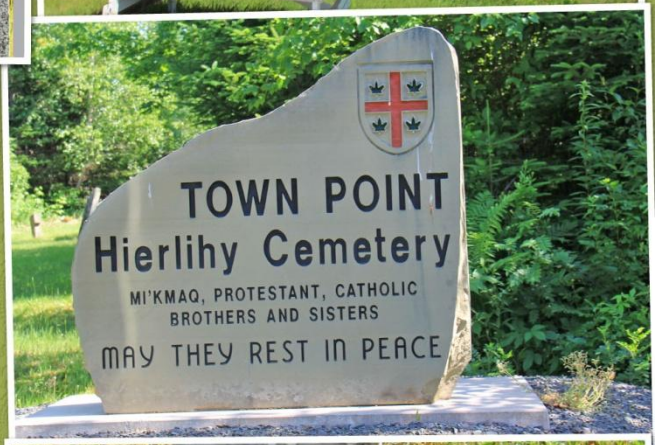
Backed into a trail and found the old cemetery.

The hand drawn map was not quite accurate, but by accident we found a monument to Timothy Hierlihy at the Yacht Club where we turned around. Sheri and I were ready to give up but Bob said "This is part of your trip that you paid for and we are going to find the cemetery." We found the cemetery when backing into a trail to turn around to continue the search on the narrow dirt and gravel road.

We may never know all of the names of the people resting in the cemetery due to age, neglect and vandalism on the headstones. Many of the headstones have been removed for safe storage while the site is under restoration. Recently a memorial service was held at the site (the old Presbyterian Church site).


IN COMMEMORATION OF ALL THOSE
WHO FIRST SETTLED IN THE DISTRICTS
NOW KNOWN AS THE TOWN AND
COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH AMONG
THOSE EARLY SETTLERS WERE FORMER
MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL NOVA
SCOTIA VOLUNTEERS LED BY
COLONEL TIMOTHY HIERLIHY
WHO ARRIVED HERE ON
MAY 12, 1784

ANTIGONISH
YACHT CLUB


TOWN POINT
Hierlihy Cemetery
MI'KMAQ, PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

The Heirlihy Headstone reads the following.

HERE RESTS THE REMAINS

OF

TIMOTHY W. HIERLIHY

ESQ WHO

DIED APRIL A.D. 1830

AGED

76 YEARS

also

LUCY CONSORT OF

TIMOTHY W. HIERLIHY

WHO

DEPARTED THIS LIFE

IN

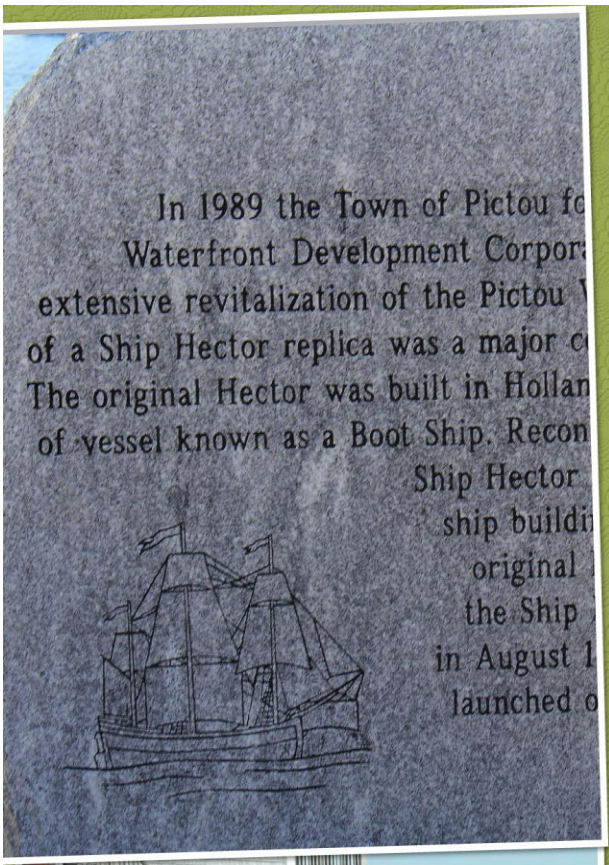
AUGUST A.D. 1838

AGED

73 YEARS

Are we also ready

Our next stop was a surprise that we never expected. We were going to briefly stop in Pictou at the site of the replicated ship the Hector that brought my ancestors to Canada from Scotland – Namely Colin Douglas.


In 1989 the Town of Pictou fo
Waterfront Development Corpora
extensive revitalization of the Pictou
of a Ship Hector replica was a major c
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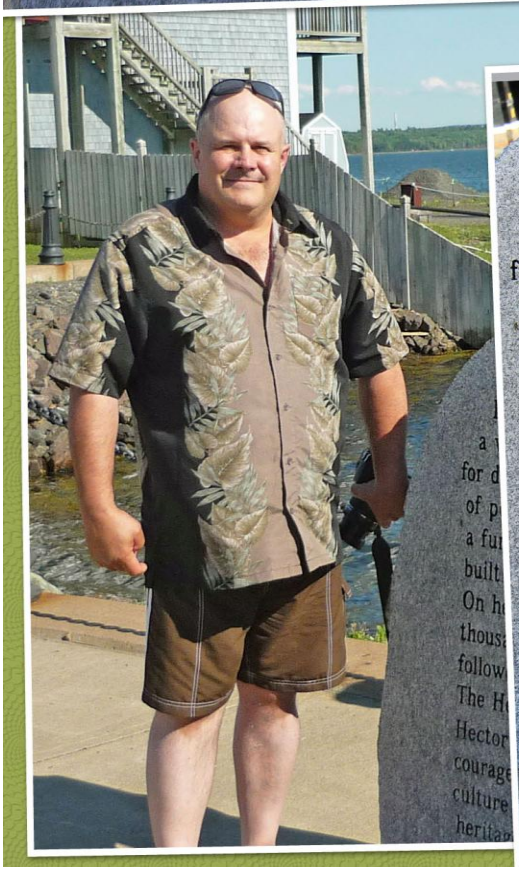

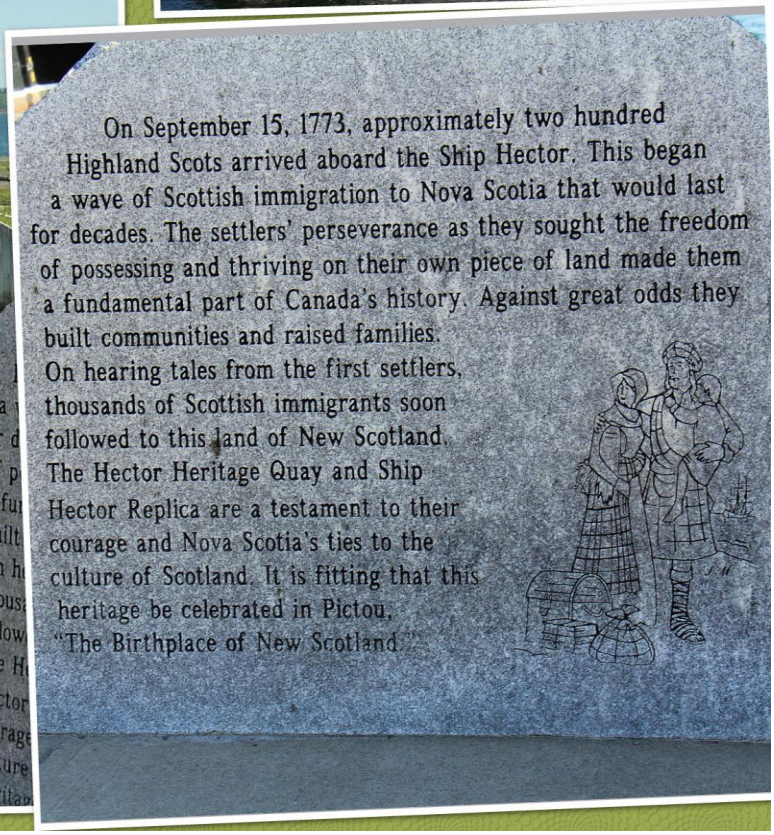
On September 15, 1773, approximately two hundred
Highland Scots arrived aboard the Ship Hector. This began
a wave of Scottish immigration to Nova Scotia that would last
for decades. The settlers' perseverance as they sought the freedom
of possessing and thriving on their own piece of land made them
a fundamental part of Canada's history. Against great odds they
built communities and raised families.
On hearing tales from the first settlers,
thousands of Scottish immigrants soon
followed to this land of New Scotland.
The Hector Heritage Quay and Ship
Hector Replica are a testament to their
courage and Nova Scotia's ties to the
culture of Scotland. It is fitting that this
heritage be celebrated in Pictou,
"The Birthplace of New Scotland."

After the whirlwind of driving and finding ancient ones we drove to the ferry landing to Prince Edward Island for the 6:30 sailing – hungry, frazzled and excited.

Prince Edward Island
Northumberland Shore
approx. 1 hr
22km (14 miles)
Charlottetown
Wood Islands
St. Georges Bay
Pictou Harbour
Cape George
Livingstone Cove
Pictou I.
Merigomish Beach
Antigonish
New Glasgow
Stellarton
Pictou
Port Hawkesbury
Canso Causeway
Strait of Canso
Chedabucto
Cape John
Tatamagouche Bay
Mabou Harbour
Port Hood
Melford
Judique
Marxville
Campbell
Long Point
Craigmore
Creignish
Troy
Port Hastings
Port Hawkesbury
Inverness
Dunvegan
Broad Cove
Glenville
Strathlorne
Black River
Mason Point
Glendyer
Brook Village
Mabou
Mabou Mines
W. Mabou Harbour
Glencoe Station
Upper S. W. Mabou
Glencoe Mills
Churchview
Blues Mills
Orangedale
Valley M
River Denys
Glendale
Kingsville
Lime Hill
West Bay Road
West Bay
Queensville
Dundee
Evanston
Grantville
Inhabitants
Lower River
Port Malcolm
Janvrin Island
Sand Point
Middle Melford
Lincolnville
Middletown
Boylston
St. Francis Harbour
Port Shoreham
Guysborough
Philips Harbour
Queensport
Halfway Cove
Cole Harbour
Little Dover
Lundy
Roachvale
Ogden
Salmon River Lake
Erinville
Glencoe
Roman Valley
Alder River
Caledonia Mills
New France
Merland
Heatherton
Bayfield Road
Bayfield
Afton
Tracadie
Monastery
Linwood
Frankville Cove
Hazel Bouchet
Mattie Mulgrave Settlement
Up. Big Tracadie
Tupper Point
Lakevale
Morristown
Ballantynes Cove
Cape George
Southside
Crystal Cliffs
Anticonish Harbour
Lower South River
Pomquet
Pomquet Forks
St. Andrews
Salt Springs
Glen Road
Ashdale
Marydale
Fraser's Mills
Upper South River
N. Lochaber
Lochaber
Copper Lake
South River Lake
Giant Lake
Forest Hill
Country Harbour Mines
Country Harbour Cross Roads
Melrose
Aspen
Denver
Smithfield
Glenelg
Crows
Lower Caledonia
Caledonia
Cameron Settlement
Trafalgar
Eastville
Stewiacke Cross Road
Newton Mills
Upper Stewiacke
Chaplin
Burnside
Pembroke
Otter Brook
Greenfield
Kemptown
Mount Thom
Riverdale
West River Station
Lansdowne Station
Union
Siding
Waterville
New Gairloch
Hopewell
Eureka
Lorne
Elgin
Glengarry Station
Rockin
Riverton
Churchville
McPhersons Mills
Westville
Plymouth
Thorburn River
Blue Mountain
Moose River
Garden of Eden
Glencoe
Springville
Blanchard Road
Bridgeville
St. Paul
Sunny Brae
Rocky Mountain
Willowdale
East River St. Marys
W. Lochaber
New Town
Greens Brook
Ireland
Morvan
Glen Alpine
Ohio
St. Joseph
Rossfield
Barneys River Sta
Barneys River
Addington Forks
Salt Springs
River Sta
James River
Merchy Hope
Piedmont
Avondale
Egerton
Sutherlands River
Little Harbour
Trenton
Pictou Landing Hbr.
Chance Hbr.
Lyons Brook
Durham
Granton
Sylvester Alma
Greenhill
West River
Scotsburn
Loch Broom
West Branch
Logan Mills
Dalhousie Settlement
Salt Springs
Meadowville
Welsford
Hodson
Toney River
Caribou River
Caribou
Seafoam
Marshville
Brule
Denmark
East Bottown
Balmoral Mills
Lismore
McArras Brook
Knoydart
Dunmaglass
Bailey Brook
Lower Barneys River
Avondale
Piedmont
Merigomish
Egerton
Doctors Brook
Arisaig
Big Marsh
Malignant Cove
Georgeville
Clydesdale
North Grant
Antigonish
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Salmon River Lake

While at the ferry landing in Pictou Harbor we had a short wait to board the ferry for a 75 minute ride to Prince Edward Island. We walked down to the Coffee Shop for a bottle of water and some prepackaged junk type barely digestible sodium infused vending machine dispended food. Once we got back to the blue van we could see the ferry turning the corner on the point.

Loading on to the Ferry

Life Boats are Ready

Half Way Point

Shores of PEI

Woodlands Ferry Terminal to Brackley Beach

Central Coastal Drive
(253 km)
Northumberland Strait
Baie Tracadie
Baie Hillsborough Bay
Hillsborough River
CHARLOTTETOWN
Parc national de l'île-du-Prince-Édouard à Brackley Dalwy
Prince Edward Island National Park, Brackley Dalwy
Brackley Beach
Cavendish
Stanhope
Grand Tracadie
Blooming Pt.
Cape Turner
North Rustico Harbour
Ile Robinsons I.
Anglo Rustico
Rustico
New Glasgow
Hunter River
Montague
Georgetown Royalty
Cardigan
Mount Stewart
Morell
St. Peters
St. Peters Harbour
Souris
Souris Harbour
Lakeside
Savage Harbour
Point Deroche
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Tignish
Alexandra
Stratford
Tea Hill
Crown Pt.
Lobster Pt.
Lieu historique national Port-la-Joye–Fort Amherst National Historic Site
Governors Island
Baie Orwell Bay
Pownal Bay
Baie Pownal
Cornwall
Summerside
Kensington
Tignish
Alberton
Souris
Montague
Georgetown
Cardigan
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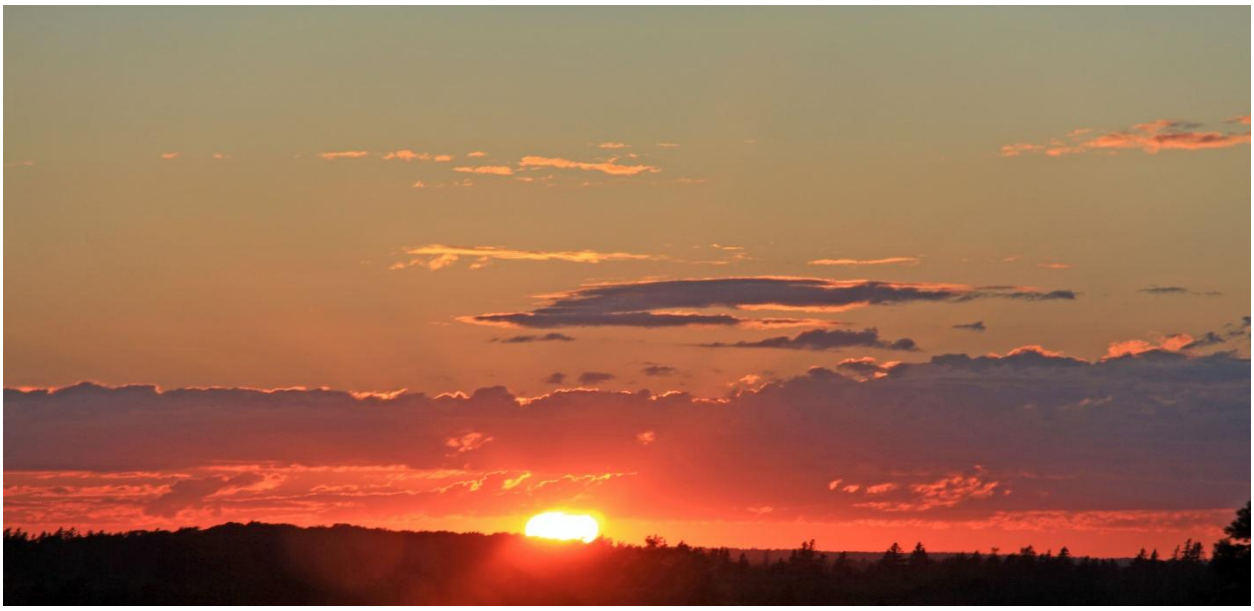
We were a bit behind schedule – Our planned supper for the evening – A lobster feast all you can eat seafood meal extravaganza had to postponed until tomorrow evening because of our late departure. For supper tonight we dined on the ferry. I would like to say that Sheri had a tender chicken vegetable medley with chef surprise potatoes. For desert she had a crème glace drizzled with chocolate. We sipped on a beverage obtained from secretive and exotic springs in our romantic private lounge. I had chef's special choice of in season produce delicately prepared to perfection. It was served with mixed greens and fresh breads. For desert – I indulged in a chilled sweetened crème du lait with fresh preserves and chocolate liqueur. However, we sat with Bob in a booth in the ferry cafeteria. Bob had a hot dog, Sheri had a chicken salad sandwich on brown, I had an egg salad sandwich on whole wheat, and we each had an ice cream cone with sprinkles, shared a bottle of water and a side of fries. Bubble Burst – POP.

We landed at the Wood's Island Ferry Terminal at dusk and departed towards Charlottetown and our destination of Brackley Beach North Winds Hotel.

Charlottetown at sunset

It was a long day when we arrived at our room at Brackley Beach – 13 hours since we left Baddeck at 8:30 AM. Our room had a Jacuzzi and Sheri had the water running before I had the suitcases in the door. The final pieces Nova Scotia cheese, a couple of cereal bars and a nightcap of a glass of chilled tap water - we were ready for bed.