

David McCormack

Following a distinguished career of thirty-five years as teacher and principal in the schools of New Brunswick, David McCormack retired in 1986 and that year became a member of the Central Branch of the NBSRT. From that year to the present day David has shown outstanding dedication to the 'School Days' Museum.

'The Central Branch Artifacts Committee' had been established in February, 1985 with the late Clarence Johnston as Chair. David became a member of this committee in 1986 and was appointed Chair in 1987. In May, 1988 the name was changed to the 'Museum Committee'. The following month the Museum Committee became a standing committee of the New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers. David remained as Chair of both the local and provincial committees, having held these positions from 1987 to 1990.

The Museum was incorporated in June, 1991. One of the Museum's bylaws states that the Chair of the NBSRT Museum committee is automatically president of the Museum's Board of Directors. Therefore, in June, 1991 David became President of that Board of Directors and continued as committee Chair of the local and provincial committees. He held these positions until 1996 and again from 2003 to the present day.

David also became the Chair of the Acquisitions and Accessions Committee in 1998 and has continued in that position to the present, assisting in recording the Museum's vast collection of artifacts.

Throughout his years as Chair and President, David has attended each Central Branch executive meeting until 2003 and all but two of its general meetings from 1986 on. He has attended the provincial NBSRT Board of Directors meetings and general meetings from 1988 to 1996 and from 2003 to the present day. At each of these meetings he has reported on the museum activities as well as submitting a detailed Museum report in each issue of 'Reflections', the NBSRT newsletter.

David steered the development of the museum from its infancy when its first artifacts consisted of only two cartons of textbooks in the basement of his home, to its present state, consisting of more than 10,000 artifacts stored or exhibited in three rooms of the former Teachers College, including a room containing the re-creation of a one-room school. David's continued interest in the Museum had much to do with the acquisition of these rooms and the receipt of several government grants which have allowed the expansion and improvement of the Museum. He has supported and encouraged the creation of a 'School Days' Museum website which has brought the Museum into the homes of many internet users.

