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THE PRODIGAL SIGN RETURNS....

Thank you James Cloghesy

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President's Message

As I write, our season at Randall House is all but over for another year, so it gives me pleasure to report that on many fronts it has been a good one – even if we did have to manage without a sign! But there too the outcome was good: the sign was found, even as we were gloomily contemplating the cost of replacing it. We will wait until the Spring before we re-hang it, smartened up with a fresh coat of paint.

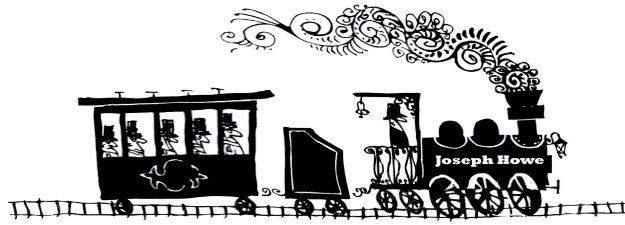
All the hard work that went into the planning and mounting of our “Summer of Trains” project was rewarded by generous support for the movies, talks and exhibits that have been organized over the past few months. We were particularly pleased by the “Model Railway Weekend”, at which the Narragansett Bay Railway and Navigation Company from Halifax set up a display that proved beyond a doubt that should the railway ever come back to Nova Scotia, there will be no shortage of train-drivers...

Now that the dust is settling on the departure of the last train, we can turn our attention to the prospect of the symposium *To Do Our Share: The African Canadian Experience in World War I*, which the Society is co-sponsoring with Acadia University. (WHS Board-member Karolyn Smardz Frost is one of the organizers.) More information on what promises to be a significant occasion can be found at <http://www.blackbattalion.com>

We continue to work with the Town on planning celebrations for Canada 150 next year, as well as on a Funding Agreement that we hope will not introduce a substantial reduction in the grant which forms an important part of the Society's income.

Martin Hallett

A Busy Summer Season



The opening of the Train Exhibit at Randall House

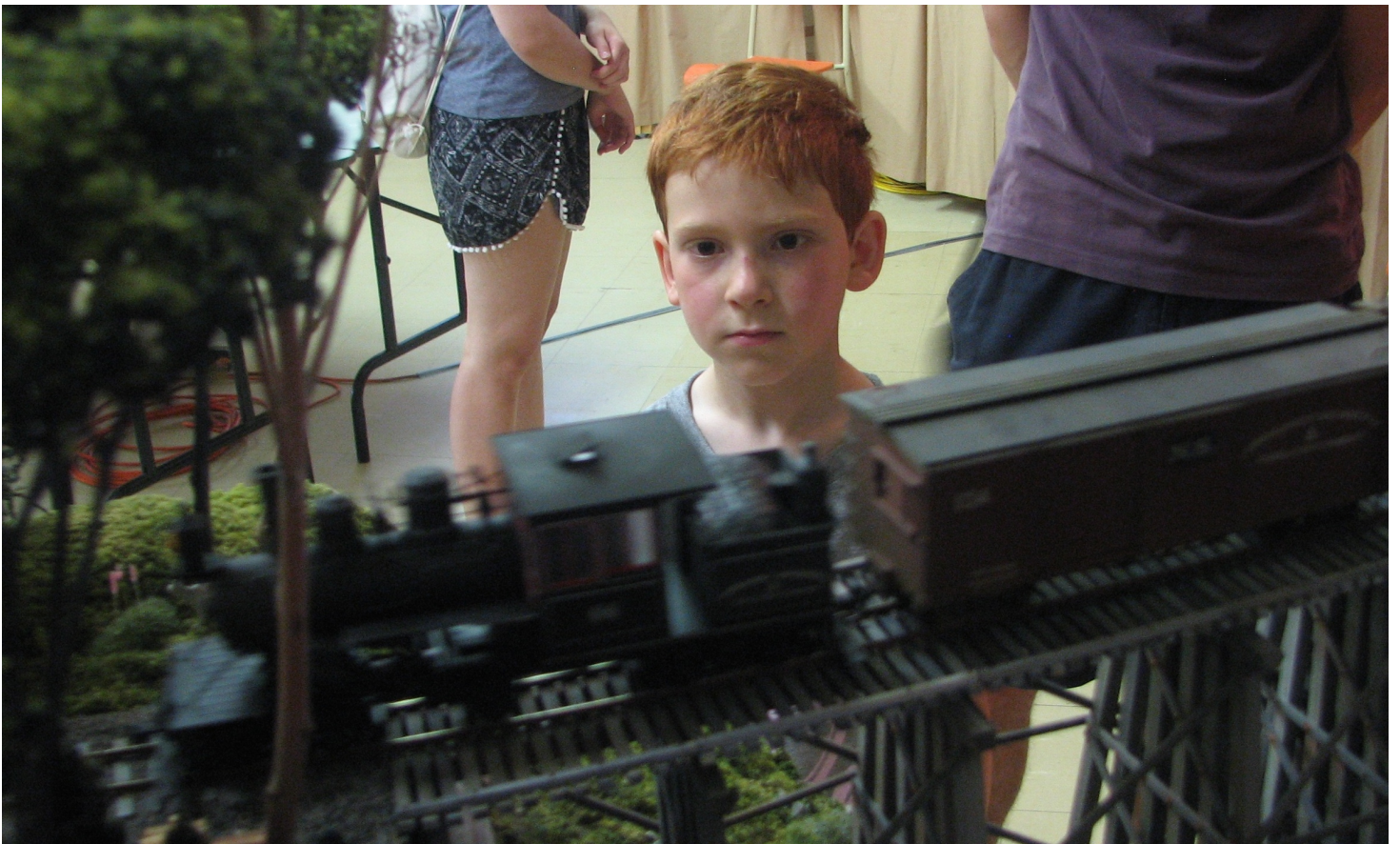
Our MLA, Keith Irving, cutting the ribbon with Michael Bawtree, inspiration behind the exhibit and Martin Hallett President of WHS





Music at the opening

Katie Blythe and Patrick
Madden, 'The Road Rakers'



Spellbound at the Model Train Show

From our Curator, Krystal Tanner

One of the most rewarding aspects of working in a museum like Randall House is getting to meet the many different people who show up at the door. Each year the museum welcomes not only people from all corners of our beautiful province and country, but also from places throughout the United States and from abroad, including the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, and even Nigeria.

Comments from the Guest Book

"We were the only visitors at the time, and the curator gave us a personal tour of the house from top (literally - in the attic) to the bottom. She was so passionate and enthusiastic about this home and was a wealth of information. This was by far one of the best tours we took on our vacation!!"

"We found this place in a tour book and were disappointed to find it was closed when we arrived. However, the curator was there working and kindly invited us in and gave us a tour. What a treat. The house itself is full of stories and is beautiful. It was a very enjoyable tour!"

"Thank you. P.S. Beware ghosts."

"Nice to see heritage respected"

"So happy heritage is being preserved"

"Great railway display"

"Thanks for all the info. Beautiful history."

"Beautiful glimpses of days gone by"



Canon Russell Elliott

A long and valued member of the Society reached a milestone birthday recently when Russell Elliott turned 99.

Difficulty with hearing sometimes prevents him from attending our monthly programs, as he always used to do, but Russell has had an active interest in the affairs of the Society over the years. Because of his experience with many other community organizations, he was a member of the three member ad hoc committee that drew up the Society's Reference Manual, where he provided valuable advice.

We all wish him continued good health and very best wishes in this, his 100th year. And if you meet him on Main Street, walking into town from his home on Westwood Avenue, do stop and say hello – you'll have a delightful conversation!

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