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" RED TOURRI "

A. NEWS LETTER  
FROM THE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION  
48th. HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Since my return to Office on 12 January I have been doing what I can to dig into the Nitty Gritty of the operations of the Club again, whats doing, and what has to be done.

In this I have been ably assisted by our Treasurer Jack Wear. Jack has been rooting out, analyzing and projecting cost and expenses to let me know where we are and where we can go.

Our "LEAGAL BEAGLE" Major Andy Lemesurier has been toiling away at the minutes of the last couple of years, checking and verifying motions that have been passed etc. to update our Bylaws to conform to the changes made.

Ken Waylett, Vice chairman Entertainment, has had a preliminary meeting and with the support of a good Committee started into the co:ordination and organizing of a good entertainment progamme.

I have also been blessed with some hard working and well experienced people in the House, Sick, Membership and Sports Committees. All are raring to go. This plus an immediate Past President and a Vice President of excellent ability, should all add up to a winning combination.

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## Pres. Cont.

There were several things about the Club that were discussed at the Last Membership meeting that have also been discussed in conversation on the floor. The condition of the furniture, needing repairs and cleaning. This has been scheduled to be done by the original suppliers. Repairs to the building. These are covered by the original guarentees and are already underway.

There is the problem of capacity and the suggestion that the elevated projection on the north side of the building be removed which would increase the capacity by approximately 25% and also enlarge the dance floor area. The Executive board has agreed that this is the way to go but the Question of financing has come into the picture, the price \$10,000.

They have agreed that this will be done only if suitable financing can be arranged.

All the things that have been suggested have the potential of making the club BIGGER AND BETTER that's what we want for the Club and that's what we want for our Members.

I sincerely hope that we can make the Club a place hard to stay away from, and a place for all members to enjoy.

WE NEED YOU THE MEMBERS TO MAKE IT GO  
COME OUT AND ENJOY THE CLUB.

DILEAS GU BRATH  
Don Burr Pres.

## SECRETARYS REPORT

This being my second report and having my feet a little more firmly planted I have had the time to make some observations of what is going on around me. Believe it or not I like what I see.

The New Executive strike me as a field of beavers, everyone buzzing around full of enthusiasm and actually doing something with a purpose.

Help seems to be the name of the game, readily available to get you over the rough spots, freely given with a spirit that is almost foreign in the business world today. The President even empties ash trays, the Treasurer helps with the mailing, The Vice President plays delivery boy and all of this without a grievance being issued.

Some times you wonder if we are too old to have heard of a Union. (Its easy to see that there ain't one here here).

Enough about the Exec though it should be reported along with their problems of fitting into their new jobs they didn't forget that they had other duties to perform They took enough time out to give reconition to the "CONTINUED AND EXEMPLORY SERVICE THAT HAS BEEN PERFORMED OVER THE YEARS BY MAJOR A. S. LEMESURIER" (ANDY TO MOST OF US), BY HIS APPOINTMENT AS AN HONOURABLE LIFE MEMBER OF THE O.C.A..

This an appointment that is not made lightly. I believe it to be a decision well made to honour a member that has been so dedicated to the O.C.A. So all the best Andy.

There is a mountain of other information which will be found on other pages of ths issue so to save repetition I'll shut down here.

## SPORTS COMMITTEE ---- EDDIE MAJEAU

What do sports consist of ?  
Fun, pastime, competition and social amnity are really what sport does consist of. The missing item is participation, and this is the main ingredient.

A combination of all four will give the O.C.A. the boost it needs to make a successful 1989.

We presently have Darts and Cribbage. Both are very active events but are now coming to the end of their seasons. This fall we will be having two teams in the Vetrans Cribbage League an early notice for participation will be posted in the TOURRI and at the Club.

To fill the gap between here and the fall startup we will be starting Mon 20 Feb. Euchre Start time 7.30 pm. registration from 6.00 to 7.15 (cost \$5.00 per person all monies to go for prizes) Coming events will be Golf, Sumner Cribbage, some Darts and Arrangements for the the pony lovers to go to the track.

The Bank shuffle board with pegs does not seem to be satisfactory and is been looked into.

I am sure that we have a lot of sports minded people that have good ideas and may be shy to come forward. I am open to all suggestions. This club needs HELP to make it a success. It needs PARTICIPATION. It's your Club so let's Participate.

My Phone number is on the back of the TOURRI. Have a suggestion CALL I will return all calls. I can use YOUR HELP.

Eddie Majeau

Sports Chairman.

## PROUD TO BE A HIGHLANDER

All Highlanders should join in sending their congratulations to Captain Peter de Carteret Cory on his appointment as Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Captain Cory piloted Lancaster bombers over Europe during the war (as is now only 63 years old you can see how young he was at the time.)

After the war he served with the 48th Militia until the mid 1950's. He went to Law School after the war and practiced in Toronto.

He was appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario in December 1974, to the Court of Appeal in July 1981 and to the Supreme Court of Canada in February 1989.

While on the Ontario Bench he was one of the few Judges who had acquired a fluency in French to a degree that enabled him to conduct a full trial in that language. We wish him every success in the future.



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Other Highlanders have attained the ranks of the Judiciary:

Mr. Justice J. A. Brooke, appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario October 1963 and to the Court of Appeal in March 1969.

Mr. Justice E.P.Hartt was appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario 1966.

Mr Justice J. H. Potts appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario October 1981.

Judge J.C.N. Currelly (Mortar Officer in Italy and N. W. Europe) served as District Court Judge in Peterborough and Coburg until his retirement.

Judge T. G. Street came home with the Battalion in 1945 He is now a District Court Judge in London Ontario.

We have only seen Judges Captain Currelly and Major Potts in recent years

WE HOPE TO SEE THEM ALL AT OUR "1991 REUNION, IF NOT BEFORE.

A. S. Le Mesurier.

SICK REPORT ---- HARRY ROSS

Having made my Regular vist to Sunnybrook I can report little change. We still have 13 Highlanders there and the conditions remain the same. We still have Bill Moir and Al Hagen in Hospital in Toronto, Bill Scott in Soldiers Memorial in Orillia. All the boys would of course like to get out of there and to be able to spend some time in the club but as of now conditions don't permit it. They all appreciate a visit and are glad to discuss the "old days".

LEST WE FORGET.

Since the last issue of the Tourri four further deaths must be reported.

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| Bill Hartley | 20 January 1989  |
| Alf Brown    | 28 January 1989  |
| John Cormack | 12 February 1989 |
| Bill Trent   | 26 February 1989 |

Further to the above there was the previously unreported death of John Bernier. This took place on the 26th. March 1988. Since he had been living alone and having but a single relative it has taken some time for the information to filter through. You may know John either through the Regiment or his attendance at the Club on King St.

HARRY Ross Chairman SICK Committee.

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TREASURERS REPORT-----JACK WEAR

This will be a very short Treasurers report---- It would appear that we can look forward to a good 1989. the majority of the January results are in and we seem to be right on target and the present results indicate we are on the way to better our February forecast I might add that you the members can ensure a really good year by dropping in and giving that extra bit of support so necessary to make the difference.

NOW FOR THE I GOOFED DEPARTMENT.

In the TOURRI January issue we announced that a Past Presidents Roast would be held on the 25 March 1989, Well we have to put this one on the Back Burner, we picked the Easter weekend originally and that was the EASTER EGG I LAID , SORRY about that.

Now a little ditty I picked up from Padre East a couple of years ago.

65 AND COUNTING  
IN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY TWO  
MY WORKING DAYS SHOULD ALL BE THROUGH  
ILL BE THE HAPPIEST MAN ALIVE  
FOR I SHALL THEN BE SIXTY FIVE.

EACH MONTH I WATCH THOSE OLD FOLKS GRIN  
EACH MONTH THOSE PENSION CHITS ROLL IN  
EACH MONTH THEY GET THAT BIT OF GOLD  
ALL SIMPLY JUST FOR BEING OLD.

WHO EVER THOUGHT THEY'D SEE THE DAY  
WHEN GETTING OLD MEANT GETTING PAY  
AND IF YOU'RE PAYING TOO MUCH RENT  
YOU JUST APPLY FOR A SUPPLEMENT

AND EVEN WORSE IF ON THAT MORN  
OLD GABRIEL SHOULD BLOW HIS HORN  
HE BETTER PLAN TO KEEP ON BLOWING  
CAUSE WITHOUT THAT CHECQUE  
I AIN'T GOING.

(See you at the club Jack

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ----- HUGH MOWAT

A P L E A !

Well, here we are, the New Executive, not three weeks into the job and already we need help. This is to resolve a simple problem really, we all agree that the raised area on the North wall has to go in order to expand the Dance floor and be able to accomodate larger groups at functions and most importantly to increase our revenue, but this is going to cost \$10,000.

Solution ! If we all contributed \$20.00, BINGO! but we all can't afford \$20.00 or we may not want to contribute for personal reasons. But more importantly we all know that the HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REGIMENT is just around the corner and we all know that this is going to be expensive and because of this we all keep forking it out. SO lets make it easy.

We have created the RENOVATION FUND and we would be grateful if you could donate any amount that you can afford. You can contribute by sending a cheque to the Treasurer, Jack Wear or you can drop it in the fund Jar at the Club bar.  
Come March the 30th we will close the fund and pay the bill.

Let's prove to ourselves once again that this is OUR CLUB and when necessary we will do what must be done to maintain and improve it.

Dileas Gu Brath

Hugh Mowat Chairman  
House Committee.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ----- JACK SMALE

Since the last TOURRI there has been some response to the Membership renewal reminder.

Some of the wives of the delinquents must read the Tourri. Some have called to make sure to whom they would make the Checque out to so they could send it off and get their husbands back on the beam.(Maybe they want them out of the house for a while.)

This is good and is much appreciated but I still wonder what those boys that are still delinquent are doing. Possibly they need a good Lady to help? Sorry can't help you there. I refuse to become involved in the marital doings that would be a necessity to oblige. You could talk to Our Vise (VICE) President he may have more guts than me.

Jokes aside there are still a lot of you out there that haven't gotten around to the renewal process yet and we do want your Participation in the Club. Hell man that's what makes the Club, that's what keeps us in touch and that's what will shut me up.  
We have 470 members at the time of writing this and we are looking for another 230 to be close to our target SO FELLOWS LET'S DO IT.

Jack Smale

Chairman Membership  
Committee