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Dear CAHS Members,

There is a truth that says that time flies when you are having fun. This couldn't be more accurate for the 2012 CAHS National convention in Saint John, New Brunswick earlier this month. It just ended way too soon! Every aspect and event of the convention was fantastic. The dedication ceremony for the Wade-Myles Park and Cenotaph and the re-affiliation and Granting of the Freedom of the City of Saint John to 410 (City of Saint John) Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force was a great start to the convention. I was deeply moved by the commitment of organizers and the respect afforded those service men to which the cenotaph honours. The Delta Brunswick host hotel was perfectly situated for all the activities of the convention and the staff went out of their way to ensure we were well looked after. All the presentations were held in the Saint John Public Library or the NB Museum, both within an easy walk of the hotel. Every presenter was well prepared, entertaining, and spoke on topics of great interest. The optional activities were well attended and those that went commented on how much they enjoyed the tours. The lobster dinner Friday night and the banquet on Saturday proved why the Maritimes is a great place to enjoy seafood. The annual general meeting even went smoothly with no issues of controversy. It was indeed great to see old friends and make many more personal contacts with all those members that were there. The conference was over way too quickly and I know planning has already started for our 50th convention and AGM next year in Ottawa. I'll be there; I hope you will be as well.

I am certain there will be a more detailed write-up about the convention with much more information and many more photos. I, for one, will be waiting in anticipation.

Blue Skies,

Gary Williams

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