



Exhibition Title

The War of 1812: A New Brunswick Perspective

Languages

English and French

Content

This exhibit highlights how New Brunswick was affected by the War of 1812 and the role New Brunswick played in the outcome of the War. In the summer of 1812, the Americans declared war on the British Empire and sought to invade British North America. The residents of New Brunswick feared an American invasion and attempted to bolster their defences. No invasion occurred, but New Brunswick did send reinforcements to

Upper Canada in the winter of 1813. The 104th Regiment of Foot began their march from Fredericton to Kingston on February 16, 1813. Although relatively unknown to modern residents of New Brunswick, the border separating New Brunswick and Maine was moved for a short period in 1814 to the Penobscot River as a result of a British campaign to occupy northern Maine. After the war, large numbers of disbanded British soldiers and Black Refugees from the American south came to settle in New Brunswick along the St. John River.

The exhibit consists of 5 banners containing images and text in both English and French. Maps, portraits, pictures of artefacts, and pictures of locations with a connection to the War of 1812 are all part of the images on the panels. Along with the banners are optional components. One consists of 2 replicas of military uniforms that were worn by British officers and New Brunswick Militia during the war and the other is 4 printed images of firearms and swords used during the War. The exhibit is suitable for all age levels and is designed to intrigue and educate the public about the importance of the War of 1812 to the historical development both of Canada as a nation and of the region of New Brunswick.

Availability

- Touring from March 2012 until end of 2014
- Booking period 4 weeks or longer



2012 Current Commitments

March – City Hall Gallery, Fredericton

April – Fredericton Public Library

May –

June – Grand Falls Historical Society (tentative)

July – Queens County Heritage, Gagetown

August – Carleton County Historical Society, Woodstock

Components of the Exhibit

- 5 retractable banners and their accompanying stands. The banners will be just under 7 feet (200cm) high once fully erected and 3 feet (90cm) wide. Banners include 1 title banner and 4 interpretation banners.
- (Optional) The case containing the two military uniform replicas. The dimensions of the case are: 5.5 (170cm) high, 4 feet (120cm) wide, and 2 feet (60cm) deep. The case will sit on a set of securable wheels and the Plexiglas will be secured to the base.
- (Optional) The 4 images of the firearms and swords. Printed on Sintra. These images will require a vertical mounting surface.
- (Optional) 1 Framed copy of Pierpont image of 104th Soldier.



Requirements

- At least 200 square feet of space will be required to properly showcase the exhibit in its entirety. 150 square feet would be sufficient for just the 5 banners.
- The borrowing institution will be responsible for transportation and insurance of the exhibit. It should be noted the transportation needs for the banners are minor and significantly less than for the other components. Each banner will travel in a compact, sturdy carrying case.

Contact Information

To book the exhibit, or for additional information, please contact the Fredericton Region Museum at 506-455-6041 or at yorksunbury@nb.aibn.com

For images of the exhibit, please refer to the Fredericton Region Museum exhibit album on Facebook.

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